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PEACE PROPOSAL HAS CONVINCED THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE THAT GERMAN SITUATION HAS BECOME DESPERATE

Curious to Know Exact Terms of Offer but United Against Listening to Overtures; Interest Centres in Work of Reconstructed Cabinet; Vote in Chamber Triumph for Premier Briand

Paris, Dec. 15.—(By Fred B. Pitney)—Interest in France is already turning from the peace proposals to the internal situation and the question of how long Briand's new ministry can last. The public is waiting with some attention to learn the exact terms which Germany is prepared to offer, but it is felt that the answer is settled in advance. France is united against listening to the proposal which more than anything else has convinced the public that the German situation is desperate.

Though Briand's new government is in the saddle with a clear majority of 149, it is still to be seen how long he can handle the situation. His majority has been falling steadily since he took office a year ago, and in the week since the end of the secret session dropped off forty, while a very strong opposition to the new cabinet developed in debate in the chamber and many bitter attacks have been made on him by men who hold commanding positions among the deputies. Three strong points in his speech were the prohibition of the use of whisky, brandies and liqueurs to apply to the whole nation; the concentration of the control of France's war policy in the hands of a few who are to take immediate decisions and act without delay, and his declaration on the peace propositions. Briand made something more than a grandstand play in insisting on the resolution carrying full confidence, with no qualifying phrases and no conditions of specific action in certain direction. His speech was general in nature and practically laid down on lines of policy outside of carrying on the war with energy to a victory.

Regarded as Triumph.

In the circumstances his majority of 149 on the simple resolution of full confidence may be considered a veritable triumph and in many quarters is considered to have put him in a much stronger position than if he had received a larger majority on a resolution carrying qualifying phrases. It remains to be seen, however, how long he can head his majority under the constant hammering of a strong and determined opposition. This is a question to which the answer is very doubtful.

One of the most striking things was the reception given to Painleve when he entered the chamber. It amounted to an ovation. And when such a reception is given to a man who is no longer in the cabinet, not a man who resigned but a man who was dropped, it is an indication with decided portents for the government. It is common knowledge that Painleve is out because of disagreement with Briand, disagreements which could not be reconciled, although every attempt was made up to the last minute before the announcement of a cabinet.

Former Premier Clemenceau says this morning in L'homme: "After eight days of secret session where no explanation was lacking, the vote showed Briand lacked the confidence of 117 deputies, among whom are the most important members of the chamber."

After the formation of the new cabinet the vote against him was 165.

Nivelle's Appointment.

Of the appointment of Nivelle, Clemenceau says: "If Nivelle, who is a favorite of God's, conducts the affairs of the front as well as those of the rear, everything will go well, but what becomes of Joffre in all this affair? He loses command of the army of the Orient, which he never commanded, but keeps the title of generalissimo with undetermined [illegible] powers. What becomes of his staff and headquarters? If these are taken away from him he is powerless, but if they are left to him there are two great headquarters does not seem much of a simplification. He is said to be technical counsel to the government, but if in the capacity he has any powers, then Nivelle becomes a deputy general.

"It is a funny way to reform for decisive action which demands concentration of authority. If he is to be technical counsel only, the answer is that this is no time for fancy decorations. We have other things to do. Moreover, what is the use of troubling a man who has need of all his faculties with the opinions of a man without responsibility who only has become technical counsel because he has left—never mind for what reason—his post and command. France demands action. Not for useless parade but for practical results."

Charles Humber, senator and one of the leaders in the fight for more and more shells and big guns, said of the new ministry: "We have some novelties offered to us, it seems, but I see only the eternal recommencement of the trying of our patience to which we have for so long been accustomed. There is the same personnel in the government and the same forms of administration. It is true that there is a little different distribution in roles, but they always resemble each other. The calling to some secondary posts of a few men not in parliament must not give us illusions. That which counts in the present crisis is not the cutting down of the number of advisers, but the spirit of the commander. What is needed is men who, having shown a clear understanding of the necessities of the situation, have also the energy to apply the programme they have contrived.

Britain's Action.

"Everything goes back in the last analysis to the question of which must not be confused with the question of persons. England has to-day men at its head who suit the positions they occupy. They have been chosen on account of the aptitude for the part they have to play.

"With us, we are still worrying about persons. Our councils are always dominated by the formula: Never mind who and never mind what, one can always put anyone in any place. Everyone finds it perfectly natural to revise his own errors, to repair the consequences of his own false conceptions.

"Between the two methods there is a great difference. In England the gravity of the hour has been understood, it has been understood that the posts of government and command are heavy charges carrying terrible responsibilites and risks that only strong men of determined courage can face."

GRAIN SHIPMENTS SET NEW RECORD

Interesting Statistics Regarding Cargoes From Head of the Lakes

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 15.—A comparative statement issued by the board of grain commissioners of Canada on the total quantities of grain shipped from Port Arthur and Fort William during the seasons of navigation, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, shows that during the past year a record has been created both in the number of cargoes shipped from the head of the lakes and in the amount of grain carried by them. This year 253,969,500 bushels of all kinds of grain were carried East in 895 Canadian vessels and 565 United States vessels. This is an increase of 57,200,000 bushels and of 341 cargoes over 1915, and is more than double the amount shown in 1914. One very interesting feature is that in 1914 American vessels carried one-third of the amount of grain shipped from that part of the land. In 1916 Canadian vessels carried eastwards 15 million more than the American vessels. In other words, in the season just ended 565 United States vessels carried 84,597,000 bushels, as against 158 vessels carrying 23,000,000 bushels in 1914. For the period of September 1 to December 13, 1916, 474 vessels carried 39,500,000 bushels to United States ports and only 26,100,000 bushels to Canadian ports.

DEMAND STATEMENT BY HUNGARIAN MINISTRY

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—The Budapest Hirlapuj says that the new Hungarian independent party, led by Count Michael Karolyi, will demand that an announcement be made of the peace terms of the central powers and that an interpellation to that effect will be introduced in the Hungarian parliament.

NEW FRENCH OFFICIALS.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Albert Metin, general budget reporter of the chmaber of deputies and formerly minister of labor, has been appointed under-secretary of finance. M. Metin and the other under-secretaries will not attend cabinet meetings.

ROUMANIAN PREMIER HAS RESIGNED OFFICE

London, Dec. 15.—The resignation of Premier Bratiano, of Roumania, is reported by the Budapest newspaper Avilag as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

A recent dispatch from Jassy, the provisional capital of Roumania, said all members of the Roumanian cabinet had resigned with the exception of the premier.

PRESIDENT WILSON DELAYS ACTION

No Formal Steps in Connection With Peace Proposal for Several Days

AWAITS ANNOUNCEMENT BY PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

May Forward Notes to the Allies Without Making Any Suggestions

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson probably will not finally determine on any formal steps in connection with the peace proposals of the central powers until after David Lloyd George, the premier of Great Britain, has spoken in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

In the meantime, through the American diplomatic representatives in the capitals of the entente powers, the American government will keep in close touch with the situation.

No formal comment was forthcoming to-day, either from the White House or state department. It is known to be the view of the cabinet members that the American government should move cautiously and do nothing to imperil its influence for peace. President Wilson is known to attach great importance to the possibility of establishing an association of nations to maintain peace. He outlined in definite terms, the procedure he would take in initiating a peace movement, in the course of a speech delivered here last May before the league to enforce peace.

At that time the president said: "If it should ever be our privilege to suggest or initiate the movement for peace among the nations now at war I am sure that the people of the United States would wish their government to move along these lines.

"First, such a settlement with regard to their own immediate interests as the belligerents may agree upon. We have nothing material of any kind to ask for ourselves and are quite aware that we are in no sense or degree parties to the present quarrel. Our interest is only in peace and its future guarantees.

"Second, a universal association of the nations to maintain the inviolate security of the highways of the seas for the common and unhindered use of all the nations of the world and to prevent any war begun either contrary to treaty covenants or without warn-

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FEARS HOLLAND MAY BE DRAWN INTO WAR

Premier Declares Situation Necessitates Large Force Remaining Under Arms

London, Dec. 15.—Premier Cort von der Linden, addressing the lower house of the Dutch parliament yesterday said that the Dutch government still believes there is danger of Holland being dragged into the war, according to a dispatch to Reuter's from The Hague.

The premier was speaking on the budget and said that the country's munitions supply had considerably increased and was daily increasing and that in view of the international situation it was unavoidable that sufficient military forces be kept at the immediate disposal of the government.

NATIONAL ECONOMY

Sir Thomas White Says Interview He Gave in England Is Misreported in Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Sir Thomas White to-day stated that his remarks on the subject of economy in an interview which he gave to the British press while in England has been misreported in Canada. In the interview he advocated national economy in food, dress and personal expenditure generally. He did not, he says, specifically mention any articles of luxurious use for consumption, nor did he suggest state control of any industry engaged in the manufacture of such articles.

KING CONSTANTINE YIELDS TO ALLIES

Ultimatum Presented by the Entente Powers Has Been Accepted

RECENT ORDER TO TROOPS MUST BE COUNTERMANDED

Determined to Stop Sending of Important Forces to Thessaly

London, Dec. 15.—The Greek government has accepted the ultimatum presented by the entente powers, says a dispatch from Athens to the Central News Agency.

The ultimatum of the entente allies to Greece was presented yesterday and expired at 3 o'clock to-day. There are indications that terms were agreed to, but so far the British foreign office has received no news of the acceptance.

An Athens dispatch to Reuter's says that the indications are that the allied ultimatum will be accepted in principle by Constantine. The dispatch says that this decision is the outcome of a cabinet council held under the presidency of the king.

New Demands.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The allies are about to hand new categorical demands, to the Athens cabinet, according to the Petit Parisien. The principal object of these demands is the putting a stop to the movement of troops ordered by King Constantine with a view to the sending of important forces into Thessaly.

Encounters are reported between royalist troops and a French detachment near Katerina, but no confirmation has been received.

Withdrawal From Thessaly.

Athens, Dec. 15.—The demands of the entente allies presented to the Greek government to-day were in the nature of an ultimatum. All Greek troops are to be withdrawn from Thessaly, according to the demands, and only a certain number of soldiers are to be concentrated in Peloponnesus. The demands for reparation for the events of Dec. 1 and 2, when fighting took place between entente landing forces and Greek troops, are to be formulated later.

GERMAN SOCIALIST APPEALS FOR PEACE

Interesting Pamphlet Found on Prisoner by Canadian Soldier

SAYS RULERS PLUNGED NATION IN SENSELESS WAR

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A special cable from London to a Toronto paper says:

"Light on Germany's peace proposal is given in a violent Socialistic pamphlet taken from a German prisoner by a Canadian. It is of particular interest as it reveals a grave state of unrest in a large section of Germany's civil population, naming various big cities, such as Hamburg, Osnabrueck, etc.

Headed by the single word 'Hunger' in black Gothic type, the pamphlet fiercely accuses German rulers of senselessly plunging the nation into the war. It derides von Bethmann-Hollweg's explanation that Britain is the cause of the famine, and declares the scarcity of food is an inevitable result of the insane idea of war on Britain, France and Russia. It points out that neutrals now are short, and even reduced in places to eating turnips themselves, thus lessening exports. In Germany and Austria the situation is hopeless, and Turkey is scarcely able to feed her own armies.

"The pamphlet declares the German aristocracy, the wealthy and the food dealers do not feel the famine, which is slowly starving the masses, and says that the military and political leaders have been deluding the people with lies about victories. All their assurances about getting food from conquered territories are lies. German levies quickly exhaust this food, and now the people are starving in Serbia and Poland.

"The indictment admits that Germany is able to continue the war for a while, but points out that the result will be, in addition to the slaughter of the battlefield, hosts of women and children dead and starving.

"'Now is the time for action to stop the war,' concludes the address, appealing to all German Socialists to this end."

GRANT SAFE CONDUCT TO NEW AMBASSADOR

London, Dec. 15.—The entente powers have decided to grant safe conduct to Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, recently appointed Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States.

The foreign office made this announcement to-day, saying the entente had decided to grant the safe conduct in consideration of the representations made by the American government. Ambassador Page has been notified.

ALLIES READY FOR GREATER EFFORTS

Frederick Palmer Writes on Proposals Made in German Reichstag

OFFER IS RESULT OF FIGHTING ON THE SOMME

Enemy Realizes There Will Be Repetition of Heavy Blows Next Summer

New York, Dec. 15.—(By Frederick Palmer.)—If Germany is ready to make concessions for peace, the Somme battle is responsible. Though only from six to ten miles depth in ground was gained, the world has a small idea as yet of the part this unparalleled struggle has played. Germany knows that she must spend all next summer buffeting a repetition of the same kind of blows, only more of them and for a longer period.

The appointment of General Nivelle as the head of the French army is significant of the intention of the allies to force the fighting on the western offensive harder than ever. He is a soldier who believes in attack. With immensely increased munitions, the allies will force the struggle every day the weather permits.

Anyone who has watched that battle, and who contemplates the enormous losses of next summer, is for peace, if it means a conclusive peace.

If Germany is sincerely ready to make something like the concessions which the allies will accede to, it is because she realizes that all next summer she must face an offensive from all fronts. She has no more to gain. Why should she fight on if she can gain no more? Why should the allies, if they think they can gain no more? But they do. Any peace move is a good move for military morale in Germany. The average German soldier thinks that the war has been forced upon him. It is important to the German staff that he be kept firmly in this belief.

My own opinion is that both the French and British armies to a man will answer the German proposals with a demand for concessions much greater than Germany has suggested: otherwise they will fight on. They pay the price. The men who are risking their lives and enduring the storms of bullets and shellfire are the final arbiters. If the French and British soldiers say, through their generals, that it is time for peace there will be peace.

TO RENEW MONTREAL TRAMWAY FRANCHISE

Premier Gouin Has Appointed Commission to Make New Contract

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The much discussed question of a renewal of the franchise for the Montreal Tramways Co. was disposed of to-day in the Quebec legislature when the premier, Sir Lomer Gouin, announced the appointment of Senator J. P. B. Casgrain, Charles Beaubien and Fred J. Cockburn, of the Bank of Montreal, to be a commission to make a contract with the tramways company for a period of 30 or 36 years beyond the expiration of the present contract. This takes the matter entirely out of the hands of the civic authorities, who have been wrestling with it for several years.

TWO AMERICANS SLAIN.

El Paso, Dec. 15.—An American who arrived here from Santa Rosalia, Mex., brought confirmation of the killing of Dr. C. H. Fisher at Santa Rosalia, and an unknown foreigner at Jiminez, and Howard Gray at Parral.

REICHSTAG MEETS IN JANUARY.

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—The Berlin Tageblatt says that the next session of the Reichstag will take place about the middle of January, unless important events necessitate an earlier convention.

ROUMANIAN FORCES WILL MAKE STAND ALONG THE SERETH

Line Has Been Strongly Fortified and Army Will Put Forth Final Effort to Save Moldavia; Berlin Reports Russians Continue Retreat, Burning Villages as They Go

London, Dec. 15—(By Arthur S. Draper.)—The Roumanian army will retreat to the Sereth line for its final effort to save Moldavia from the fate of Wallachia. That is the opinion of military men in London to-night. Everything indicates that the Sereth line has been strongly fortified and that the real stand will be made there. There is little doubt that the main Roumanian army will reach the Sereth safely.

The Sereth runs southeast from Bukowina to the Danube at Galatz. To protect the armies guarding the Transylvanian passes it will be necessary to hold one of the Sereth's tributaries running east and west. Russian attacks in the Trotus valley indicate that the Trotus has been chosen as the stream to protect the right wing of the Sereth position.

The Russian attacks failed again with heavy losses, Berlin announces. The German statement also says that all of Great Wallachia, south of the Bucharest-Czernavoda railroad, is in Teuton hands and that Bulgarian troops have crossed the Czernavoda bridge. The Bulgarians captured the western end of the bridge on Dec. 9, according to a delayed official statement from Sofia.

Berlin Report.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Russians are continuing their retreat in Roumania, burning villages as they go, to-day's official announcement reports. The Roumanian town of Buzeu has been captured by the invaders.

In the last two days, 4,000 more prisoners have been taken. Additional Bulgarian forces have crossed the Danube, near Futesti, across the river from Czernavoda.

The statement reads: "Front of Archduke Joseph—Russian attacks yesterday on the Transylvanian front for the first part failed as on the preceding days. The enemy succeeded in gaining a footing on one height.

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—Burning villages mark the way through Great Wallachia along which the Russians retreated. The allied (Teutonic) troops, under the most unfavorable weather conditions, are rivalling each other on the plain to prevent the enemy from getting any further rest on his march. In the mountains the enemy offered resistance in advanced positions. These were pierced.

"Buzeu has been captured.

"The 9th army reported as a result of the operations for yesterday and the day before the capture of 4,000 prisoners.

"Near Futesti, stronger Bulgarian forces crossed the Danube."

BANKERS CONFERRING WITH SIR T. WHITE

General Financial Situation Being Considered at Meeting at Ottawa

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Many of the leading members of the Dominion Bankers' Association to-day responded to the invitation of Sir Thomas White to come to the capital to discuss the general financial situation. The conference is being held this afternoon.

Sir Thomas stated this morning that the gathering was not for the purpose of considering any concrete proposal, but to conduct a survey of matters pertaining to the financial interests of the country. The requirements of the war, the prospect of future Canadian domestic loans as well as the requirements for domestic purposes will be under review. While emphasizing the desirability of national and personal economy, the financial position of the Dominion, all things considered, is thought to be good.

THREE STEAMERS ARE SUNK BY GERMANY

Lloyd's Announces Sinking of British, Norwegian and Portuguese Vessels

London, Dec. 15.—Lloyds announces the following: "The Norwegian steamship Kaupanger has been sunk.

"The Portuguese steamship Leca, formerly the German steamship Enos, and the British steamer Glencoe, are reported sunk."

The Kaupanger, a vessel of 3,554 tons gross, was last reported at Bordeaux in November en route for Cardiff.

The Leca, of 1,911 tons gross, was last reported arriving at London from Lisbon on November 9 and sailing on November 28 for a port not indicated.

The Glencoe is probably the 2,160-ton steamship of that name last reported in the Clyde on November 26.

MINISTER RE-ELECTED.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Hon. A. E. Kemp, minister of militia, was elected by acclamation yesterday in East Toronto.

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

London, Dec. 15.—Premier Lloyd George was much better this morning. He has every expectation of being able to go before the Commons on Tuesday. In the meantime he will remain indoors.

SNOWSTORM DELAYS STEAMERS.

New York, Dec. 15.—A blinding snowstorm hit New York to-day. Traffic is seriously impeded both in the city proper and in the harbor. Outside the port at quarantine twenty-two trans-Atlantic and coastwise steamships were held up all night, and at noon had not succeeded in getting into port. Indications are that the storm will continue throughout the day.

WILL TAKE STEPS TO TERMINATE STRIKE

Boilermakers at Liverpool Have Been Idle for Several Days

London, Dec. 15.—The press bureau issues the following statement: "Since Saturday a majority of the boilermakers in the port of Liverpool have been on strike. The strike followed the refusal on the part of the same men for a period of five weeks to work overtime. Their action has been taken in defiance of the urgent requests of the leaders of the union and in violation of the provisions of the Munitions Act.

"The grievance of the men arises from the award given by the committee on production on November 3. They applied for an advance of 10s. on the ground of increased cost of living and the award given was 3s. In order to give the men every opportunity of reconsidering the matter, the minister of labor sent the following telegram to the union officials: 'I assumed office to-day and regret that my first duty is to deal with the strike. No matter what grievances the men have it is impossible for me to deal with them until work is resumed.'

"Despite this, the men have remained on strike, though admiralty works of the most vital importance are being greatly delayed. Accordingly, the government has issued notice, drawing the attention of all concerned to the defence of the realm regulations governing the matter and the government proposes to deal with the situation drastically under the powers given by the Munitions of War Act and the Defence of the Realm Act."

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GERMANS MOWED DOWN BY FRENCH GUNS

Attack in Force After Heavy Bombardment but Are Driven Back

Paris, Dec. 15.—A German attack at Lassigny, that part of the front nearest Paris, was made on Monday in great force, says La Liberte's correspondent with the French armies. It appears to have been concerted to coincide with von Bethmann-Hollweg's note, probably with a view to impressing the French by a local success.

"The Germans brought together 40,000 men from the best divisions," adds the correspondent, "and concentrated corresponding quantities of artillery. The attack was preceded by an intense bombardment, lasting for hours.

"The French were not taken by surprise, and received the assaulting waves with a fire from their three-inch guns and machine guns, tearing the ranks terribly. A barrier fire thrown to the rear of the Germans caught the supporting reserves.

"The Germans reached the French trenches over a frontage of 300 yards, but an immediate counter-attack enabled the French to regain the trenches. Only a few survivors of the attacking columns escaped. Most of them were killed after stubborn resistance.

"The Germans renewed the assault an hour later without success. The French heavy artillery dispersed the reserves as they came up."

AMERICAN EXECUTED AT JUAREZ

El Paso, Dec. 15.—An American named Alfonso Levi, formerly of Brownsville, Texas, was executed in Juarez by the military on October 24, according to a reort brought here by an American who was released from the Juarez jail after being held several weeks on a miner charge.

CAMPAIGN IN MACEDONIA.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The communication dealing with the campaign in Macedonia issued by the war office yesterday says:

"Artillery of the enemy on December 13 bombarded the entire Serbian front and the city of Monastir. Our batteries responded efficaciously. No infantry forces were engaged.

GERMANS DEPORT LITHUANIAN PEASANTS

Hun Methods Have Resulted in Revolts; Military Commissions Attacked

London, Dec. 15.—The Wireless Press gives out the following under date of Berne: "Forcible deportation of Lithuanian peasants to work in Germany has provoked several revolts in Lithuania. There was a formidable rising in the Samogitian province of Suawalki. Peasants armed with hatchets attacked the German commission sent there to enroll workmen.

"In other districts male peasants are hiding in the forest and marshes. In many parts of Lithuania bands of peasants have destroyed railways, bridges and telegraph lines."

ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

British Troops Enter Enemy Trenches; German Raid Fails

London, Dec. 15.—The war office statement issued last night follows:

"Last night enemy trenches were entered by us in the neighborhood of Monchy-au-Bois, south of Arras, a number of casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

"A raid was attempted against our trenches in the neighborhood of Hulluch, but the enemy failed to enter them. Prisoners were left in our hands.

"The usual artillery activity continued to-day on both sides. Our bombardment of an enemy dump in the neighborhood of Pye, northeast of Albert, set fire to the material contained there, causing large clouds of smoke."

French Report.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The war office yesterday afternoon issued the following statement on operations along the French front: "Last night was without incident."

The bulletin issued by the war office last night reads:

"Somewhat spirited artillery actions occurred south of the Somme, on both banks of the Meuse and on the heights south of Bonhomme. Calm prevailed on the rest of the front."

The Belgian communication says: "There is nothing to report."

PROHIBITIONISTS ASK DOMINION-WIDE ACT

Prince Edward Island Only Province Not Represented at Ottawa Convention

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Representatives of temperance organizations from every province with the exception of Prince Edward Island, gathered in conference in Ottawa yesterday to consider Dominion-wide prohibitory legislation and the best means of securing it. The gathering represented the People's Prohibition Movement of British Columbia, the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League, the Banish-the-Bar Crusade of Saskatchewan, the Social Service Council of Manitoba, the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance and the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred, the Anti-Saloon League and Dominion Alliance of Quebec and the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia branches of the Dominion Alliance. Mr. Justice Lafontaine, of Montreal, was appointed chairman and Rev. Principal Vance, of Vancouver, vice-chairman. D. B. Harkness, of Winnipeg, and J. H. Roberts, of Montreal, were appointed joint secretaries.

The morning session, which lasted until 1.30, was not open to the press. It was devoted to [illegible] the question of principal legislation, one representative from each province outlining the situation in his particular province.

Five chief difficulties appeared in connection with the question of thorough enforcement of the provincial laws. They were the importation of liquor from one province to another; the advertising of liquors in dry provinces; the existence of warehouses where liquors were stored and from which they could be sent to dry provinces; the existence of commission houses with agents taking orders for liquor, and lastly, patronage in administration of the liquor laws. In this latter connection it was pointed out that political appointees did not make the best inspectors.

A. W. Coon, of Alberta, declared prohibition in that province had decreased the consumption of liquor by eighty per cent. and arrests for drunkenness by ninety per cent. Mr. Sharpe, of Saskatchewan, declared that they had defeated the dispensary system by ten to one and that Premier Martin had promised the best possible measures of prohibition. S. J. Carter, of Quebec, strongly condemned the new method proposed by that government of liquor control, which he declared was only an amendment to the existing laws and not prohibition.

"Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product."

SENDING DRAFTS TO DIVISIONS AT FRONT

Breaking Up of Canadian Units in England Cannot Be Avoided

London, Dec. 15.—The Canadian Associated Press has been authoritatively informed that the practice of breaking up units of the Canadian forces after they have arrived in England into drafts for the reinforcement of battalions already at the front is military necessity, and that under existing circumstances at the front it cannot well be avoided. The casualties have been a heavy drain in the divisions in action, and these divisions must be kept up and supplied with new men and junior officers.

Naturally commanding officers keenly feel the disappointment of not being permitted to proceed to the front with their units intact. The senior officers, after their commands have been absorbed into divisions serving at the front, under commanders already there, cannot be absorbed.

It is only fair to these officers to point out that the breaking up of their units is in no sense a reflection upon their abilities or qualifications, or upon their desire to serve in the trenches. It is well known that the Canadian battalions were recruited, organized and trained by officers of high standing and long military experience, with recognized military ability. Everyone is conscious of the disappointment of the officers.

With these matters in mind it has been suggested that arrangements be made to give as many as possible of the senior officers a chance to go to France, in order that they may personally witness the operations before returning to Canada. Some may be given employment in England, but many will go back to Canada where they may again take up their civil employment or be used in further recruiting.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The following lists of casualties have been issued:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Corp. H. Doherty, Riverton, P.E.I.; Pte. T. Jennings, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pte. C. O. Jones, Vancouver; Pte. H. B. Kelley, Cross Creek, B. C.; Pte. F. J. McNeill, Lytton, B. C.; Pte. A. G. Poynter, Montreal; Pte. C. Huddleston, Portage la Prairie, Man.

Died of wounds—Pte. H. J. Figures, Kitchener, Ont.; Pte. E. A. Jublin, Guelph, Ont.; Pte. T. Anderson, Winnipeg.

Died—Pte. J. B. Graham, Medicine Hat, Alta.

Previously reported wounded and missing; now officially reported killed in action—Pte. A. L. Warren, Port Arthur, Ont.; Pte. G. J. Wilkins, Peterboro, Ont.

Previously reported wounded and missing; now officially reported died while prisoner—Lieut. Henri Morau, Montreal.

Previously reported died while prisoner; now missing—Sergt. N. Hickard, Montreal.

Wounded and missing—Pte. A. Davidson, Montreal.

Previously reported missing; now reported prisoner of war—Pte. R. Green, Labrador.

Wounded—Pte. A. S. Farmer, Quebec; Pte. L. Portras, Montreal; Pte. Wm. Wilson, Hillsboro, N. B.; Pte. A. Howard, Oshawa, Ont.; Pte. J. Millicent, Quebec; Pte. C. M. Simpson, Dundas, Ont.; Pte. F. B. Tapley, Edmonton; Pte. W. G. Turnier, Hamilton, Ont.; Pte. James Twohey, Montreal; Corp. R. W. Young, Cordova Mines, Ont.

Mounted Rifles.

Killed in action—Pte. W. N. Daniels, Portage la Prairie, Man.

Died of wounds—Pte. A. W. Tamblin, Peterboro, Ont.

Previously reported wounded; now reported killed in action—Pte. A. Gunn, London, Ont.

Previously reported missing; now unofficially died while prisoner—Sergt. E. G. Harvey, Stornoway, Sask.

Wounded—Pte. C. Orr, Franklin, Man.; Pte. E. Snow, Green, Maine.

Engineers.

Seriously ill—Sergt. M. T. Niven, Detroit, Mich.

Medical Services.

Seriously ill—Pte. P. D. Villeneuve, Montreal.

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. J. D. Ferguson, Winnipeg; Pte. W. C. Wilson, Winnipeg.

Died of wounds—Pte. S. W. Keeler, Ireland.

Previously reported wounded; now reported missing—Pte. T. Lewis, St. Mary's, Ont.; Pte. J. D. MacFarlane, Cobble Hill, B. C.

Previously reported wounded; now officially reported prisoner of war—Pte. H. F. Losee, Coburg, Ont.; Pte. A. McCaskill, St. John, N. B.; Pte. J. S. Moffatt, Sanford, Man.

Seriously ill—Pte. G. Delaney, Round Hills, N. S.

Wounded—Pte. Armand Ambrey, Quebec; Pte. I. Barrett, Bishop's Cove, Nfld.; Pte. W. Fennell, Huntingdon, Q.; Sergt. O. P. Piney, March, Ont.

Artillery.

Seriously ill—Pte. H. Anderson, Quebec.

Wounded—Pte. H. G. Turland, Detroit, Mich.

The name of Pte. Sydney Smith, Quebec, has been removed from list of infantry casualties.

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Government Witness Testifies at Bopp Trial at San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Louis J. Smith, the government's chief witness in the trial of Franz Bopp, German consul general, and other defendants charged with violation of the neutrality laws of the United States, was again cross-examined yesterday when the trial was resumed. Smith was taken back to the attempt made in 1915 to dynamite ships at Tacoma, loaded with munitions destined for the allies. Smith had testified that in place of dynamite he had put stove-wood in bombs and that he carried the dynamite and fuse away with him under his coat. He was asked to show how this was done and demonstrated how the dynamite could easily have been carried away as he described. Theodore Roche, attorney for the defence, abandoned his line of questioning regarding the Tacoma incident and cross-examined Smith on the compensation he was to receive for his work as an alleged dynamiter. He asked Smith if he had, while in the presence of his brother and his family at Wheeling, W. Va., boasted that he was to receive $20,000. Smith replied in the negative.

Efforts to show that a connection existed between the British consular authorities in the United States and the prosecution of the defendants in the case, proved unavailing. It was shown that Smith, while in Detroit, claimed he was being followed by German spies and sought the United States district attorney, who at that time was Clyde I. Webster. Smith had stated that he found Webster through inquiries at the British consulate at Detroit.

NEW PRESIDENT OF SWISS CONFEDERATION

Paris, Dec. 15.—Edmund Schultsess, of Aargau, has been elected president of the Swiss Confederation for 1917 by a vote of 176 out of 189 votes in the Swiss national assembly, says a dispatch from Berne. He was vice-president of the federal council for the current year. Herr Calonder, of Trins, was elected vice-president of the federal council for 1917.

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London, Dec. 15.—Lloyds announces that the British steamer St. Ursula has been sunk.

The announcement also says: "The steamer Harlington, previously reported as having struck a mine on December 9, sank and the crew was picked up by the steamer Harlyn, which was also later sunk. Nine lives were lost."

The Harlington and Harlyn were both British steamers, the former of 1,000 tons gross and the latter 3,469 tons gross.

The St. Ursula, of 5,100 tons gross, sailed from Montreal on November 8 for Mediterranean ports.

The British steamer Burnhope, a vessel of 1,941 tons, has been sunk. The crew, of whom some were injured, have been landed. The captain of the vessel died after reaching shore.

Lloyds announced that the British steamer Bretwalda, 4,637 tons, has been sunk.

The Bretwalda was last reported to have sailed November 14 from Calcutta for Boulogne.

OFFICERS RETURNING.

London, Dec. 15.—The following officers are returning to Canada for further medical treatment: Majors F. E. Hicks, L. R. Lafleche, A. G. Nutter; Captains H. P. Bell, P. W. Clifford, H. S. Edwards, C. E. Kilner, D. L. McKeand and H. A. Taylor; Lieutenants W. L. Aitken, G. S. Andrews, E. W. Brookfield, H. Brunton, A. D. Cockrill, F. D. Elliott, E. C. Hessel, W. E. L. Irwin, A. McKenzie, B. J. Miller, E. McCuaig, C. E. McDonald, C. B. Reilly and J. C. Snelgrove.

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GEN. NIVELLE IS WELL EQUIPPED FOR TASK

Paris, Dec. 15.—General Nivelle, new chief commander of the armies in France, is the personification of the famous French phrase, "A hand of steel in a velvet glove," only in his particular case the velvet is worn very thin and the steel can easily be seen shining through.

There is no figure more interesting in the French army nor any who the military experts think is so well equipped actively to succeed Joffre. Nivelle is one of the youngest generals, but no French generals are very young, and Nivelle is 61. He could pass for 45. He is a big, tall and tremendously powerful man without an ounce of fat.

Nivelle actually looks like steel. When he does give an opinion, his choice of words is quite as dramatic as Joffre in his famous orders when he compared his army of Verdun with the old guard of Napoleon, no other comparison could be made.

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GERMANS TRY TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY

Russian Official Says Allies Are Not Deceived by Peace Proposal

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The peace proposal of the Central Powers is regarded by the Russian government as "an attempt to put the responsibility for the continuance of the war upon the entente allies." The proposal has been received by official Petrograd without an atom of sympathy.

An official of the foreign office yesterday made the following statement, which has been issued by the semi-official Petrograd news agency:

"The new appeal of our enemies is not their first attempt to throw upon the entente powers the responsibility for the war they let loose. In order to obtain the support of the German peoples, who are tired of the wars, the Berlin government many times has had recourse to fallacious words of peace, and has frequently, in order to animate its troops, offered prospects of an early peace. It promised peace when Warsaw was taken and when Serbia was conquered, forgetting that such promises unfulfilled would create profound distrust.

"In its further efforts, which are similarly due to the same interested considerations, the German government is obligated to carry this question outside of Germany. All the world recalls these attempts, notably, its ballons d'essai, which were sent up in neutral countries, particularly the United States.

"Seeing the inanity of such methods, which deceived nobody, Germany attempted to create a peace atmosphere which would allow her to consolidate her aggressive and imperialistic tendencies, while sowing discord between the allies, by seeking to make public opinion believe that separate pourparlers were in progress between her and the entente powers. There also were persistent reports of a separate peace.

Allies Unanimous.

"In view of the fact, however, that the allies, with strong unanimity, rejected all these attempts our enemies had to think of a more serious plan. They to-day are making, in spite of their confidence in their military and economic power, an appeal to the United States, Spain and Switzerland, announcing their anxiety to enter into negotiations for peace.

"The lack of sincerity and the object of the German proposals is evident. The enemy governments have need of heroic measures to complete the gaps in their armies. Germany is projecting a sort of serfdom in the guise of compulsory military service. The German government, in order to uplift the hearts of their people and to prepare them for fresh sacrifices, is striving to create a favorable atmosphere with the following declaration:

"'We are struggling for our existence; we are proposing peace; it is refused us. Therefore the responsibility for the continuation of the war falls upon our enemies.'

"The object pursued by Germany, however, is clear. She speaks of respect for the rights of other nations, but at the same time she has already introduced into Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Poland a regime of terror and violence. As for the future, Germany has proclaimed an illusory independence for Poland; she proposes to divide Serbia between Bulgaria and Austria, economically to subjugate Belgium and cede to Bulgaria part of Roumanian territory.

"Everywhere the idea of the hegemony of Germany predominates. The latest speeches of von Bethmann-Hollweg show the true aspirations of the German government. But to-day, when the entente powers have proclaimed their unbreakable determination to continue the war to a successful end, and to prevent Germany from establishing her hegemony, no favorable guarantee exists for peace negotiations.

"Our enemies know of the speeches of Lloyd George, Briand and Boselli, and the statement of Trepoff; they were therefore assured that their proposal would be unacceptable. It is so, not because the entente powers—the friends of peace—are not inclined that way, but because the peace offered by Germany is a snare for public opinion. That is why the enemy government avoided mentioning the peace conditions.

"We are sure that this new enterprise of the disturbers of peace will lead no one astray, that it is condemned to a failure like the previous efforts.

"The entente powers would assume a terrible responsibility before their peoples, before all humanity, if they suspended the struggle against Germany's latest attempt to profit by the present situation to implant her hegemony in Europe. All the innumerable sacrifices of the allies would be nullified by a premature peace with the enemy, who is exhausted, but not yet brought down.

"The firm determination of the entente powers to continue the war to a final triumph can be weakened by no illusory proposals of the enemy."

VICTORIA POULTRYMEN LEAD.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 15.—At the provincial poultry convention held here yesterday H. D. Reid was re-elected president of the association by acclamation. Dr. Price, of Cowichan, headed the vote for places on the executive. The convention chose Kamloops as the place for the next provincial show convention, Duncan running Kamloops close in second place for choice.

Mr. J. Wood, of Victoria, was the largest winner in the Orpington classes and Messrs. Reid and Greenwood were the largest winners in the Rhode Island Red classes. Other Victoria winners were Messrs. Nichols and Willins and Mr. J. Locke, of Esquimalt, won with his exhibits of Cornish game fowls.

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VOTE OF CREDIT PASSED BY COMMONS

Former Chancellor of Exchequer on Britain's War Expenditures

London, Dec. 15.—That the extent to which England is able to convert her sterling wealth into dollars is the real measure of her ability to continue to meet the war's demand, was the gist of a brief and pointed speech in the House of Commons yesterday by Reginald McKenna, the former chancellor of the exchequer, supporting and supplementing Bonar Law's presentation of Great Britain's finanical position.

Mr. McKenna opened by congratulating Mr. Bonar Law on his speech, thus showing the entente cordiale between the old and the new governments, and then continued:

"We are bound to supply munitions to the full extent of our capacity, and we are bound likewise to meet all the demands of our allies as far as we are able. The extent of our ability to meet those demands is enormous, but there is one restriction, namely, that it will not be easy to convert sterling wealth into dollar wealth. We must pay in dollars for what we buy now all over the world, and that is the limit of our power to help our allies."

Touching on the large increase in the expenditures during the past two months, Mr. McKenna said:

"Mr. Bonar Law mentioned that our average daily expenditure for the past 63 days reached £5,700,000, but in that period there were brought into the account large sums expended in the United States which ought to have been brought into the charges of an earlier period. I believe that the true daily expenditure now is about five and a half millions; therefore we may hope that the estimate of £1,950,000,000 for the fiscal year will not be exceeded."

The debate was brief and the war credit of £400,000,000 was passed by unanimous vote. Some speeches referred to the German proposal, but there was no discordant note.

Mr. Bonar Law announced that parliament would prorogue on December 22 for a period not yet determined.

LORD ROBERT CECIL ON BLOCKADE MEASURES

London, Dec. 15.—Replying in the House of Commons yesterday to a question put by Arthur Lynch, Nationalist member for West Claire, suggesting that many particulars in the policy of the British government with regard to the United States had been of an irritating kind without any compensation corresponding to the danger of producing misunderstandings, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said:

"It unfortunately is inevitable that our measures should cause inconvenience to the citizens of neutral countries. Much as we regret it, I can only say that, consistently with the paramount duties of using our belligerent rights we have done and are doing all we can to make their exercise as little irksome to neutrals as possible."

PRESIDENT WILSON DELAYS ACTION

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ing and full submission of the causes to the opinion of the world, a virtual guarantee of territorial integrity and political independence."

In the same speech the president said the American people believed fundamentally that every people have a right to choose the sovereignty under which they shall live and that the small states of the world have a right to enjoy the same respects for their sovereignty and for their territorial integrity that great and powerful nations expect and insist upon.

Secretary Lansing early to-day held his first personal conference with President Wilson since the peace proposals of the central powers were made public. It was said the formal notes from Germany and Austria might go forward before midnight, and necessarily in view of the probability that the president would take no independent action until after Lloyd George has spoken in the House of Commons, they probably will be accompanied only by formal notes of transmittal.

Marie hit upon a problem the other day more perplexing than George H.'s apple dumpling. She peered between the uncut leaves of a magazine and said: "Mother, how did they ever get the printing in there?"

IMPORTANT RULING BY RAILWAY BOARD

New Judgment Regarding Transportation of Coal in the West

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—In a judgment of the railway board, the new principle is laid down that the railways responsible for carrying coal to the consumers of the West must move coal not only over their own originating lines of railway, but also to points on other lines. The judgment declares that cars must be supplied for delivery to points on other lines to the full extent of cars which are available. In all cases where transfer at the junction point results in the line on which the traffic originates being the long haul, the duty is thrown upon that line to supply the cars. In cases where the long haul is enjoyed by the receiving line, that line must supply the cars.

In cases where the line that ought to supply the cars, under these principles, is unable to supply them, then the other line shall supply them, but shall be paid by the line in default a charge of $1.25 a day, instead of the usual daily charge of 45 cents. No addition may be made to any existing freight rate to cover the additional daily charges.

It is believed that the effect of the judgment, which upsets previous judgments given by the board, will tend to relieve any existing coal shortage in the West.

The judgment was written by Sir Henry Charles Drayton, chairman of the board, and concurred in by Commissioners Scott and McLean.

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THE DEADLY PARALLEL.

Something over a century ago Pitt resigned in England and his successor made peace with Napoleon by the Treaty of Amiens. In that instrument Great Britain made important concessions, returning the French colonies she had captured in the war and incurring other disadvantages. Nevertheless, her pacifists were satisfied; they had peace. But that peace was merely an intermission, an armed truce. Napoleon's intention was to lull his island enemy to sleep while he organized his continental system against her and prepared for the prosecution of war on a much greater scale. The resumption of hostilities was inevitable. How could it be otherwise when the chief arbiter was obsessed with the delusion that only through war could the country dominated by him work out its destiny, and that only through force could he maintain his own ascendancy? Obviously there could be no real peace with Napoleon unhorsed.

Napoleon's overtures for peace were couched in terms strikingly similar to those with which the German chancellor accompanies Germany's present proposals. They referred to the terrible devastation of war with its fearful sum of human misery and suffering. They insisted that although victor in the field their author was ready to sheathe the sword which he in self-defence had been compelled to draw. Any reader of the history of the Napoleonic wars must be struck by the faithfulness with which Prussia has maintained the parallel not only in this respect but in others. And it has been done deliberately. Every move the Kaiserbund has made in this struggle has been inspired by some text-book, for Prussia's mind is of text-book construction, composed of a jumble of Frederick, Napoleon, von Moltke and Bismarck, illuminated by Clausewitz and Treitschke.

The root of Europe's trouble a hundred years ago lay imbedded in Bonaparte's brain. His ascendancy over France was based upon his military power, his victories in the field. That was the foundation of his dynasty. He, therefore, was convinced that he had to wage war successfully to maintain it. When he made separate peace—and he was always negotiating separate peace treaties with one or other of his enemies—it was to facilitate his main purpose, the further extension of his power by victorious war. He made peace with Russia in order to crush Austria and Prussia, with Austria to overthrow Russia and finally with all the continental powers in the hope of devoting himself singly to the conquest of Great Britain.

The Hohenzollern dynasty was founded upon a successful war. It came into being as the reigning power in Germany at Versailles, not at Berlin. The victory over France was the cement which welded it together. The dominating idea of its members and followers is that only through successful wars can it be perpetuated, that without external triumphs it would fall among the ruins of an internal upheaval. Hence the long preparations for the present war, the great army, the perfection of organization which would eliminate every chance of failure, the patient, insidious inoculation of the people with the war fever, the rigid control and direction of the press and other media for the circulation of the Prussian propaganda, and the development of a vast and complex spy system.

Any peace, therefore, which leaves Kaiserism in the saddle must be a fool's paradise. If it does not make Prussian leadership confess defeat it will be nothing more than the intermission which followed the treaty of Amiens, the treaty of Tilsit or the numerous other conventions negotiated by Napoleon, which merely served as springboards for his next long leap at the throat of Europe. Confession of defeat must involve the overthrow of the Hohenzollern dynasty and the military domination of Prussia as well as the collapse of the moribund dynastic systems now straggling in its train. Until that comes about peace is impossible; it would be nothing but an armed truce in which every democracy in the world would be converted into a barracks.

THE NICKEL QUESTION.

The Duncan board of trade has adopted a resulution urging the Canadian government "to take immediate steps to insure the erection in Canada of a nickel refinery at the earliest possible date and that pending the completion of such refinery the government take such action as will assure control of the Canadian nickel supply for the sole benefit of the allied nations."

In regard to the first requirement of the resolution it is understood that the nickel trust is now erecting a refinery in Ontario on the suggestion of the Canadian government, which was moved to this action by the criticism to which it was subjected when the nickel situation became known. This step was not taken, however, until after the war had been in progress for nearly two years, which was most unfortunate, for had a refinery been started in Canada immediately at the outbreak it would have been in operation long before this and the Deutschland would not have landed in Germany several hundred tons of the product of Canadian mines.

In regard to the second provision of the resolution, namely, that action be taken to assure the control of the nickel for the allied nations pending the erection of a refinery in Canada, this has not been done, for notwithsanding the assurances of the government and the officials of the International Nickel Company that the present system of checking conducted by Ottawa officials at the company's plant in New Jersey is effective, there is no doubt Canadian nickel continues to find its way into enemy hands.

PUT THE HORSE FIRST.

A member of the deputation which interviewed the government yesterday on the subject of the iron and steel industry declared that if this had been developed a couple of years ago British Columbia would have landed $50,000,000 worth of munition contracts. He contended that in heavily subsidizing railroad construction we had been putting the cart before the horse, that railroads would come quickly enough when there was a prospect of profitable freights through the expansion of industry.

There is a great deal of truth in this. If British Columbia had devoted a small fraction of the assistance it has given to railroads to the development of its natural resources it would be in a much stronger position in every way than it is to-day. To what extent has the pledging of the country's credit in the staggering sum of $80,000,000 opened up the natural wealth of the province? How much has the construction of the Canadian Northern from the Rockies to the coast stimulated mining, lumbering and farming? A good wagon road to a promising mining property built at a cost of a few thousand dollars is of infinitely more value to a country than a railroad operating in unproductive territory.

Victoria's future depends more upon the development of Vancouver Island and upon making that development tributary to this city than on anything else, and we are blinding ourselves to our best interests in overlooking that fact. We should see to it that when that development takes place the benefits are not diverted to the mainland through those very same transcontinental connections which we have been pursuing for many years. The resources of this island are sufficient for the support of a very large city, or more than one large city for that matter, provided they are not made directly tributary to the city on the mainland to which every other field of provincial development is being annexed.

CANADA'S DEBT.

According to the president of the Bank of Montreal, in his annual presidential address, the debt of the Dominion on October 31 last was $696,000,000, an increase within a year of $200,000,000. The war is costing the nation $23,000,000 a month, and he expects that by the time it is over the Canadian debt will reach a billion dollars.

If the Canadian debt were a billion dollars the annual interest charge would be $45,000,000. In addition to this would be a heavy charge for pensions and other obligations incurred through the war, and the country would be fortunate if it escaped with fixed charges of less than $60,000,000 per annum. This would be about $40,000,000 more than it had to find on account of debt before the struggle broke out.

A national indebtedness of a billion, together with the indebtedness of the provinces and municipalities, will make a very impressive total for a country of less than eight million inhabitants, and our financial authorities and prophets are well advised to keep hammering into the consciousness of all and sundry the urgent necessity of thrift. We have enormous resources, but these in themselves afford no justification for continuous pilgrimages to the moneylender. If we must borrow it should be upon our actual development, not upon prospects. In that way we avoid being squeezed. Thrift and economy must be practiced now if we would avert serious disturbances when the war is over.

The stock market is falling all over itself these days. The German proposal has made it so sensitive that every rumor, no matter how absurd, makes it turn a fresh somersault. A reference of the German ambassador to the limitation of armaments has caused a new break. For the reflection of the actual situation, however, we must look to London, Paris, Petrograd and Rome, not to New York and Chicago. Germany might bluff the stock exchange but she cannot bluff the allies. They know she is not adopting forced labor measures and enslaving Belgians for peace.

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Isn't Joseph Martin, of Vancouver, the busy man? He is organizing a movement in opposition to the election of the Attorney-General in Vancouver, and also is on the point of receiving a delegation of "representative citizens" who are urging him to run for the mayoralty of Vancouver against Mayor McBeath. The world would be but a dull affair even in these exciting war times if it "knew not Joseph." It is, on the whole, a surprising thing that Joe is not coming down to Victoria to oppose Premier Brewster.

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It appears certain people of benighted Toronto have been guilty of the heinous, unpardonable social sin of offering their hands for a shake to the Duke of Devonshire. We have no doubt the good natured Governor-General overlooked the horrible faux pas and heartily shook the paws of the boors. But, when, O, when will Canadians learn how vital a thing it is to "order themselves lowly and reverently to their betters?" When will they learn to know their places when a Dook is abaout.

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World-wide prohibition of alcoholic drink is coming rapidly. The French government has decided to prohibit the consumption of absinthe, whiskies, liqueurs and brandies, but will not interfere with wines and beers. The virility, heroism and efficiency of France in this war have aroused the wonder and admiration of the world. If prohibition will enlarge these qualities there can be no limit to the position France will reach.

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Again King Constantine has accepted an ultimatum of the entente allies. And again the question arises of how much dependence is to be placed on the acceptance by King Constantine of anything proposed by the allies. There always is a possibility of Tino pulling something out of his sleeve that was put there by the All-Highest of Germany.

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Within six months of an inconclusive peace every able-bodied member of the peace-at-any-price club in the allied countries would find himself enrolled for compulsory military training under the conscript system. The whole world would be girding up its loins for the next war. And that would not be peace at all.

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The Saturday Evening Post holds the statecraft system of Europe generally responsible for the present war. It probably prefers the statecraft which has made Mexico an ideal place to live in.

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Ottawa Citizen: They have put Emperor Francis Joseph's heart in a silver box, but when the time comes for a similar operation on the kaiser a thimble ought to about fill the bill.

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The champion of the Teutons is "holding on" in the hope of "getting his second wind" for the closing round of the great battle.

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CANADIAN COMFORTS MUCH APPRECIATED

Sergt.-Major With C. E. F., Writes Victoria Lady Conveying Soldiers Thanks

Sgt.-Major Louis Howard, "Somewhere in France," writes to a Victoria lady as follows:

"I wish to thank you for the socks that have reached me through the agency of the Canadian Comforts. It is only right to place on record the appreciation of us all at the receipt of this token of your service to the great cause. We realize fully the great and noble work that the women of the empire are doing and honor and respect you all. It fell to my lot to have the privilege of distributing the comforts that were sent to headquarters, 4th Canadian Division, of which I am sergeant-major, and I assure you they were opportune and acceptable. We have quite a number of horsemen and others to whom warm socks are a boon. Yesterday I got soaked through, and on changing I put on the socks in which I found your card. I forgot about my discomfort of the previous hours in the pleasure of wearing the result of your handiwork. The weather is just as unpleasant as it can be, mud such as the people at home have no comprehension of, and not the pleasure of knowing British Columbia, but have spent nine years in Manitoba, which has been a good apprenticeship for the life we are leading.

"I have had the pleasure of being with several regiments from the Pacific coast, and have made many friends. We had a very interesting time last night, being bombarded by heavy guns and bombs from aeroplanes. However, we are very much alive yet. I trust you will accept these few lines as a token of appreciation from me—like you—doing his best for a righteous cause."

Lecture on Rabindranath Tagore.—Under the auspices of the Women's University Club, Dr. Gowan, of Seattle, Wash., one of the best-known lecturers of the coast, will speak to-night at the provincial library, government buildings. The Women's Canadian Club and the members of the Local Council of Women have been invited as guests for the occasion. Mrs. Barnard, who is honorary president of the former, has intimated her intention of being present. It is anticipated that the meeting will be an interesting one, as Dr. Gowan is well-known as a student of Tagore's writings. His special subject to-night will be "King of the Dark Chamber," one of the Indian poet-philosopher's plays. Tagore is noted for his histrionic abilities, and is said to be a magnificent personage in the play which is to be the subject of this evening's lecture. The world at large has just recently begun to know something of this poet of the east, although he is fifty-five years of age and for nearly twenty years has been at the head of the modern movement in India. "If India is to be understood by our civilization it will depend largely on our intelligent acceptances of this poet and teacher," says a western critic. Admission to this evening's lecture is by invitation only.

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—Selling, First Floor

Gift Suggestions in Books

A Large Assortment of Catholic Prayers, each, 25c, 50c, 60c, 85c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50

Bird's Christmas Carol—The Story of Patsy, by Kate Douglas Wiggins. Each ..... 40¢

The Wandering Dog, by Marshall Saunders, author of Beautiful Joe. Each $1.25

Just the Book to brighten gloomy days, "Doreen." Buy a copy and have a laugh. Each ..... 75¢

Speaking of Operations, by Irin S. Cobb. Each ..... 50¢

Salt Water Poems and Ballads, by John Masefield $2.25

—Books, Main Floor

Gift Suggestions for Baby

Woolen Coatees, with hood attached, made from a nice quality wool. Each $1.50

Woolen Coatees, finished with colored edgings and colored ribbons. Special at $1.00

Infantees, of wool and silk, also wool. Each, 35c and ..... 50¢

Infants' Dresses, of fine muslins and lawns, finished with dainty lace and embroidery yokes. Each $1.25

Also Extra Good Values of fine lawn, trimmed with Val. lace and ribbons, at $2.50

Bearskin Buggy Covers, each $3.50, $4.00, $4.50

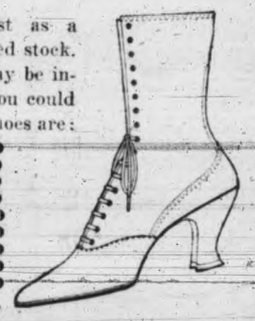
Baby Books, each ..... 75¢

Celluloid Toys, each 25c and ..... 50¢

—Infants, First Floor

A Pair of Women's Novelty Boots Would Make a Handsome Gift

Novelty Boots being so fashionable this season, we suggest as a suitable Christmas gift a pair selected from our well appointed stock. Should you be a little doubtful about the correct size, you may be interested to know that we make changes after Christmas, or you could give a Spencer Merchandise Scrip. A few of the most stylish Shoes are:



Bronze Kid Lace Boots, pair $8.00
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All Washable White Kid Lace Boots, a pair $10.00

—Selling, First Floor

Gift Suggestions for Girls

The following are useful quality goods that will make most serviceable and acceptable Christmas gifts.

Flannelette Pyjamas, in kewpie and teddy bear designs, in shades of pink, blue and tan; sizes 2 to 12 years. Special, a suit, $1.75

White Stockinette Overalls, with elastic at waist, and buttons at ankle, sizes 2 and 3 years. A pair $1.50

White Pinafores, in various styles, trimmed with embroidery and lace; some finished with colored ribbons. Sizes 6 months to 10 years. Values 35c to $1.25

Cashmere Dresses, in very dainty styles, trimmed with embroidery and colored ribbons. Sizes to fit girls 2 to 8 years. Priced from $1.25 to $4.50

Woolen Caps, with tassel, in colors red, cardinal, green and white. Each ..... 85¢

Silk and Wool Caps, suitable for children or ladies, white only. Each ..... 75¢

White Corduroy Coats, finished with belt; sizes one to three years. Special at $2.90

Woolen Jerseys, in white, saxe, dark saxe, cardinal, brown, navy, and green. Priced according to size, $1.00 to $1.75

Girls' Woolen Sweaters, in colors saxe, cardinal, green, navy, tan and rose. Sizes 1 to 10 years. Priced from $1.75 to $6.75

—Selling, First Floor

Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs sold singly, in dozens, or fancy boxes of three or six.

Children's Fancy White Handkerchiefs, each ..... 25¢

Children's Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, each ..... 10¢

Plain White Handkerchiefs, a dozen ..... 50¢

Ladies' Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, each 10c to ..... 50¢

Fancy Linen Handkerchiefs, each, up from ..... 10¢

Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, up from, each ..... 25¢

Fancy Handkerchiefs in boxes, 3 in box, for ..... 50¢

Fancy Handkerchiefs, 3 and 6 in box, 75c and $1.00

Fancy Colored Bordered Linen Handkerchiefs. Special, each, at ..... 25¢

Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs. Special, each ..... 25¢

—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

Feather Neck Ruffles

In the newest styles in plain white and black, also in white and black effects. These make very dainty Christmas gifts. Each, $2.00, $3.75 and $5.75

—Selling, Main Floor

RIBBONS

Plain Hair Ribbons, up from ..... 15¢

Fancy Ribbons, 5 and 6 ins. wide, up from, yard ..... 25¢

A New Shipment of Fancy Dresden Ribbons in narrow and wide widths just opened up. Marked at all prices.

—Selling, Main Floor

Week-End Candy Specials

Peppermint Bull's-Eyes, reg. 40c for, a lb. ..... 20¢

Fudge, reg. 40c for, a lb. ..... 20¢

Sugared Peanuts, reg. 40c for, a lb. ..... 20¢

A. Y. P. Candy, reg. 30c for, a lb. ..... 25¢

Toasted Marshmallows, reg. 40c for, a lb. ..... 25¢

Peppermint Chewing Taffy, reg. 40c for, a lb. ..... 25¢

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In all the newest designed handles, with and without silver mounts, suitable for Christmas gifts. Prices from $1.00 to $10.00

—Selling, Main Floor

Christmas Carols
EACH, 25c
—Music, First Floor

Christmas Candies

Hard Mixed, a lb. ..... 20¢
Gum Drops, a lb. ..... 20¢
Cream Drops, a lb. ..... 22¢
Cream Drops, a lb. ..... 25¢
Chocolate Drops, a lb. ..... 39¢

Novelties

An assortment for hanging on Christmas tree, each ..... 5¢

Tea Pots, Vases, and Fancy Boxes, each ..... 10¢

Cats and Dogs, chocolate filled, each 15c, or 2 for ..... 25¢

Boxes of Cigars, 5c and 15c each. Also 2 for ..... 25¢

Crackers, from 25c up to $1.00

Stockings, each, 5c, 25c and 50¢

—Selling, Main Floor

In Toyland To-morrow Morning

Reg. $1.50 **Collapsible Brass Beds, with Spring Mattress**, for **75c**

Reg. $3.25 **Kindergarten Sets** for **$2.65**

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1 Bottle Dewar's Special Liqueur (White Label) Scotch Whisky.
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Dec. 15, 1891.

The lieutenant-governor, as representative for British Columbia of the Macdonald National Memorial, has issued invitations to leading citizens of Victoria, without regard to party affiliations, to attend a meeting at Government House, on Dec. 17 to organize a committee to raise subscriptions in aid of the memorial fund.

The Windsor Hotel, Government street, will re-open to-night under the management of Mackenzie & Rendt. The Victoria Glee Club and String Band will attend.

A sale of work and high tea is being held this afternoon in aid of the St. Barnabas church building fund.

Handkerchiefs for Christmas

Our excellent stock offers a wonderful assortment to choose from.

FANCY Swiss embroidered, new colored designs or lace trimmed, each, 50c, to ..... 10c.
CREPE DE CHINE, with colored edges ..... 25c.
BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS, 3 in a box, 45c, to $1.25
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Help the Military Y. M. C. A.—If you have any last months' magazines that you have read leave them at the local Y. M. C. A. building. Also if you have any gymnasium equipment not in use loan it to the Willows gymnasium for the winter. •

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Bank Clearings.—The local bank clearings for the week ending December 14 totalled $1,484,151.

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Weather Conditions.—An extremely cold wave is reported to be spreading through the southern states. This morning at 5 o'clock the thermometer was only 10 degrees above zero, and a fall of three and one-half inches of snow is on the ground at Memphis, Tennessee.

Want Broken Gold and Silver.—The Blue Cross committee, whose headquarters are in the Belmont block, intend making a collection of broken gold and silver after Christmas, and would be glad if friends would save such bits of metal. Some have already sent in broken ornaments, etc., to the Blue Cross, for the benefit of whose funds the collection will be disposed of ultimately. Further particulars may be procured by telephoning the Blue Cross room, phone 4960.

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Co-operation Growing.—Still another co-operative body is announced as having been formed among agriculturists, although the certificate gazetted to-day was issued on July 5 last. A number of growers in the Grand Forks district have been incorporated under the provisions of the Agricultural act as the Grand Forks Growers' Co-operative Association, with power to do business in Similkameen division of Yale county. The head office of the association will be at Grand Forks and its authorized capital is $50,000 in one thousand shares of $50 each.

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Applying for Water Licenses.—The Howe Sound Power Company, Limited, is applying for water rights, for diversion, storage and use, in connection with the Wasp mineral claim at the junction of the Lynn fork of Furry creek, and Furry creek. The company asks for licenses to take and use ten second-feet of water out of the Lynn fork and the same quantity out of the Furry creek, at an elevation of about 2,200 feet above the sea, and also for a license to store 23,200,000 feet of water out of Gordon lake on the ridge dividing the Lynn fork from the south fork of Furry creek. The storage dam will be at the north end of the lake and the reservoir will flood about fifteen acres.

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Sales in Railway Belt.—The current issue of the B. C. Gazette contains notice of Dominion orders-in-council permitting sales of lands in the dry belt of the province within the railway belt, contingent upon the obtaining by the purchasers of water rights from the provincial authorities. The Western Canada Ranching Company, Limited, of Cache Creek, British Columbia, is sold 310 acres in fractional parcels near Cache Creek, and J. C. Shields, of Kamloops, is granted 1,354 acres in townships 20 and 21, range 20. In both cases the price is $5 an acre, with a deduction up to $2 an acre of the cost of irrigation works, the sale being conditional on the irrigation and cultivation of the land.

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Farmers' Institute. — The annual meeting of the Metchosin Farmers' Institute will take place this evening in the Metchosin hall at 8 o'clock sharp, when the report of the year's work will be considered and new officers elected for the coming year. Much interest has been taken in institute affairs during the past year, a large increase in membership having occurred in spite of so many leaving the district. Lectures were given at new points in the district, big attendances being secured and, providing weather is good, a big turnout is hoped for the annual event. Arrangements have been made to serve refreshments after business is concluded and then to finish up the evening with a social dance, music having been hired for the occasion. Important matters will be brought up at this meeting and all residents of the district should attend. The establishment of a pound within district, or the securing of the establishment of herd law, and the protection of the sheep industry, and fencing laws will be discussed

Status is Raised.—The status of Smithers, an assisted school district, has been raised to that of a regularly organized school district.

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Wellington Colliery Railway.—The annual meeting of the Wellington Colliery Railway Company is to be held in the offices of the company, Pemberton building, on New Year's Day, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

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Drainage District Forming. — The government is being applied to for the incorporation of lot 79, in the Fraser Delta, as the Langley Fort Drainage and Dyking district. The provisional commissioners who are making the application on behalf of the people of the district are Charles E. Hope, Alfred Farmer and David M. Coulter.

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Mining Company Incorporated. — Ruby Mines, Limited (non-personal liability), has been granted a certificate of incorporation by the registrar of joint stock companies. Its headquarters will be at Trail. The authorized capital is $10,000, in that number of one-dollar shares. Its objects are to acquire, work and sell mines, including coal mines, and mining properties, and to treat and refine mineral ores.

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Oak Bay Concert.—The Saturday night popular concert this week at the Oak Bay theatre in aid of the Red Cross Society will be provided by members of the minstrel troupe of the 143rd B. C. Bantams. It will consist of piccolo, banjo, violin and other instrumental solos, humorous songs, recitations and sketches, and throughout it will be of a light nature. The whole of the proceeds will be given to the Red Cross Society and it is expected that there will be a large attendance.

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Extra-provincial Companies. — The B. C. Gazette this week contains the formal announcement of the granting of licenses to ten extra-provincial companies which have been doing business in the province for six years past. These had been held up for technical reasons, which had nothing to do with the position of the companies, and the gazetting now is simply to comply with the statute. New licenses are those to the Stettler Cigar Factory, Limited, of that Alberta town, for which F. D. Carder, Vancouver, is attorney in this province, and to Moffet Flour Company, a Seattle concern, for which Francis V. Moffet, Vancouver, is B. C. attorney.

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Export of Nickel.—The feeling that has been aroused by the alleged exportation of nickel for the central powers from Canada is voiced in a resolution which has been submitted by the Duncan Board of Trade to the city council for endorsement. The resolution sets out the well-known facts of the export for treatment in the territory of a neutral power of Canada's nickel supply, and urges a refinery in Canada, meanwhile the federal government to take such steps as will prevent any of this valuable munition substance reaching the enemies of the allies. It is proposed that public bodies endorsing the resolution should have the opinion forwarded to Sir Robert L. Borden.

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Horticulture Course.—The University of British Columbia has issued the prospectus of a short course in horticulture, giving an outline of the lectures, which are to be given at the University buildings between January 8 and January 27. The lecturers and demonstrators will be Dr. Wesbrook, F. M. Clement, P. A. Boving, Dr. Hutchinson, R. C. Treherne, John Davidson, J. W. Eastham, Dr. Clark, R. C. Abbott, R. M. Winslow, Dean Klinck, etc., in the case of the various topics the best available men being secured for the subject under discussion. All students are expected to attend regularly, and a registration fee of $5 must be paid to defray classroom, laboratory, and other expenses, except in the case of returned soldiers. A note on the outer cover states that in 1915 British Columbia produced fruits and vegetables to the value of $4,450,000 representing an investment of many millions.

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Business Notes.—In the B. C. Gazette this week it is announced that the Canada Bridge Company, Limited, has ceased to do business in this province. A. A. Ross, Vancouver, has been appointed attorney for the McLaughlin Carriage Company, Limited, instead of Alex. D. Wilson. A. M. Brink and Ray Eslinger, doing business in Vancouver as Hastings Street Public Market, have dissolved partnership. A meeting of the creditors of Viking Mining Company, Limited (non-personal liability) will be held at 602 Hastings street, west, Vancouver, on Thursday next for the purpose of nominating an official liquidator. A general meeting of the Kelowna Irrigation Company, Limited, is to be held in the offices of the Okanagan Loan and Investment Trust Company, in Kelowna, on February 14, to receive the final report of the liquidator who has been winding up the affairs of the company.

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Gonzales Chapter. — The regular monthly meeting of the Gonzales chapter was held on Thursday in the I. O. D. E. headquarters, Mrs. Curtis Sampson, the regent, presiding. Nominations for the local council were made and four delegates appointed: Mrs. Stanier, Mrs. Ridgway Wilson, Mrs. Gore and Mrs. Foulkes. Twelve dollars was voted to the Travelers' Aid of the Y. W. C. A. in response to their request for aid, and $5 to the Navy League for their Christmas entertainment for sailors' children. Various members expressed a desire to supply "comfort bags" required by the Red Cross Society, and the chapter itself will provide four of such. Four shirts, eleven pairs socks, one pair mittens and one sleeveless sweater, for field comforts, were handed in during the meeting. The returns from the doll show at Government House are not complete, but the net result from the chapter's booth is in excess of $300. Two new members, Mrs. Umbach and Mrs. R. W. Harnington, were elected.

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DANCES
5769—Caught in the Net; Three-Step.
5838—The Missouri Waltz.
5803—They Didn't Believe Me; Fox Trot.
5786—Are You From Dixi? One-Step.
5595—Ballin' the Jack; Fox-Trot.

SONGS
2110—I Hear You Calling Me.
5839—A Perfect Day.
5710—Absent.
1916—Where the River Shannon Flows.
5733—Love's Old Sweet Song.

TRIOS
2089—Silver Threads Among the Gold.
1735—Because.
1856—Somewhere a Voice Is Calling.
1934—Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground.
1972—Come Back to Erin.

HAWAIIAN
1616—Aloha Oe.
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More Newspapers Wanted. — More newspapers are needed by the newspaper department of the Canadian Red Cross Information Department in London, presided over by Lady Drummond. These Canadian newspapers are very welcome among the wounded men in hospital, and if people only properly realized how the soldiers value them they would no doubt make a point of sending them oftener. Mrs. H. A. S. Morley will be glad to receive papers at the I. O. D. E. rooms, 735 Fort street, for forwarding, being convener of the department locally which has charge of this work. Information has been received at the local Red Cross headquarters that the names of lonely soldiers are not any longer given out to people who require these for correspondence purposes, the reason given being that the enemy has adopted this means as a source of finding information which may be of use to him. No one can now correspond with men in the overseas forces on active service or with any prisoner-of-war who is not personally known to them.

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Election Returns.—For general information the figures of the vote cast in the several constituencies at the general election, under the heads of civilians, soldiers in Canada and soldiers overseas is published in this week's issue of the B. C. Gazette.

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New Justice of the Peace.—Earl E. Robinson, Vancouver, has been appointed as a justice of the peace.

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AT THE THEATRES

DOMINION THEATRE.

Albert Chevalier, one of England's greatest character actors, is appearing in "The Middleman." The entire production was made in England and contains many beautiful English scenes, notably those of London bridge and the Thames embankment. Albert Chevalier in the leading role of the old potter is one of the best characterizations ever presented on the screen and rivals his famous success "Old Dutch." The story gives many interesting glimpses of the great pottery industry of Staffordshire and the plot is strong enough at all times to hold the spectators' interest. The supporting cast is numerous and wisely selected. "The Middleman" should prove one of the most popular pictures of the season.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

Robert B. Mantell, the only actor who ever made Shakespeare pay, has entered photoplay under the direction of William Fox, the movie magnate. He has already made his debut in "A Living Death," which will be shown for the last time to-night at the Royal Victoria. Mr. Mantell is the first really great tragedian whose consummate art will be preserved for posterity through the medium of the screen.

Students and teachers of the drama, who have often regretted that the achievements of Booth, Mansfield and other dramatic luminaries of bygone years live only in the printed page and in the memories of their admirers, are enthusiastic over the fact that the moving picture camera makes it possible for unborn millions to visualize even in the far future the stage triumphs that have endeared Mr. Mantell to the theatre-going public of the present generation. They regard Mr. Mantell's entrance into photoplay the greatest endorsement that any actor of wide repute has yet given to the artistic possibilities of the silent stage.

MAYOR'S MAIL BAG

An Unusual Missive is Received: "Investigating" a Prospective Bridegroom.

Ordinary persons may think the qualifications of a mayor are capacity to administer a city, to discharge social duties without committing faux pas, and to be a stern though generous distributor of the city's charities. He may, and should be all these things, but having done all, he is yet an unprofitable servant of the people, if the persons who seek to use the office as a matrimonial bureau are to be believed. They would also like him to be a match maker.

Many strange missives lie on the table of the head of the city, but one among them from Massachusetts just to hand apparently assumes this somewhat unusual qualification. Unless they are confident picture brides, like the prepossessing young maidens from the land of the Rising Sun who periodically grace the decks of the Japanese liners waiting for the first view of the promised land where they are to meet their unknown lovers, most people would prefer to see the future life's partner before taking him for better or for worse. Not so this correspondent—she is assured her lover is "a most respectable person." She sends the mayor an address to have him investigated, and states to his worship if he "O.K.'s" the prospective bridegroom she will marry him without further preliminaries.

The mayor is not to delay the inquiry too long, because Cupid is impatient, so he is urged to answer without allowing the ardour of the lady to cool.

Little trifles of civic administration would fade before a problem of this character.

MUNICIPAL CHAPTER

Partial Statement of Doll Show Indicates Success of Last Week's Undertaking.

The Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., held its regular monthly meeting yesterday morning at the headquarters rooms, 733 Fort street, the regent, Mrs. A. F. Griffiths, presiding. The treasurer's report, read by Mrs. Dennis Cox in the absence of Mrs. Curtis Sampson, gave only a partial statement of the doll show held during the week [illegible] last week at Government House, showing that there had been present over 1,400 people during the afternoon and evening. The complete financial statement in this connection is to be given at a later date when all the chapters report their returns. The meeting passed special votes of thanks to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Barnard, who so kindly lent Government House for the occasion; to Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, to Miss Elinor Dunsmuir, Mrs. Douglas Wright, Mrs. Ambery, Mrs. Harold Robertson, Mrs. [illegible] Pearson, of Swift & Co., the B. C. Electric Co., Hall & Co., the Central Drug Store, William Litt and A. F. Griffiths.

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in
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"Under Suspicion"

Columbia Theatre
TO-DAY
PEARL WHITE in
"THE KING'S GAME"
American Fashions
Comedy—"Luke Rides Roughshod"

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And Five Other Features.
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PEARL WHITE

Who is starring in a feature moving picture film at the Columbia Theatre.

It was announced that seats had been reserved for the various chapter representatives who were attending the meeting at the Royal Victoria theatre to-morrow night when Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett are to speak on National Service. The committee which has been assigned to the work of considering means of assisting the Patriotic Aid campaign committee will meet on January 3 at 11 a.m. at their headquarters, 733 Fort street.

The sum of $75, a rebate in duty paid in connection with Alexandra Rose Day, was, at the suggestion of Mrs. F. S. Barnard, through whose instrumentality the rebate was secured, voted to the funds of the Protestant Orphans' Home. Other business at the meeting was the reading of correspondence, which included several letters from soldiers at the front who acknowledged field comforts.

COLLECTIONS BETTER

More Gratifying Returns Being Experienced by Victoria Patriotic Aid Campaign Committee.

With the improved weather the Victoria Patriotic Aid fund campaign committee is experiencing improved collection returns, and Messrs. James Forman, chairman, and A. S. Barton, of the industries collecting sub-committee, came back from James Island, where they visited the employees of the Canadian Explosives Company, very satisfied with their mission.

The following are some of the more recent amounts added to the list:

Bodwell & Lawson	$750
Peden Bros.	25
Madame Le Marchant	20
Swift-Canadian Co.	50
Walter C. Chambers	100
Miss C. McClimmont	25
Miss H. McClimmont	25
T. N. Hibben & Co.	500
Harry L. Phillips	20
Harold Fleming	30
Victoria Book & Stationery Co.	150
A. R. Wolfenden	101
C. A. Holland	300
Gideon Hicks Piano Co.	120
W. & J. Wilson	250
W. H. Wilkerson	120
Employees V. & S. Railway Co.	138
" Thorpe & Co.	100
" Gordon, Ltd.	240
" Victoria Chemical Works	1200
" W. J. Pendray & Sons	425
" B. A. Paint Co.	440
" Thos. Plimley	500
" Begg Motor Co.	160
" Popham Bros.	72
" Revercomb Motor Co.	60
" Hafer Machine Co.	90
" W. Mable	24
" Wood Motor Co.	120
" Pemberton & Sons	100
" Gordon Drysdale	180
" B. C. Pottery Co.	150
" Copas & Young	126
" Dixi Ross & Co.	156
Dr. Nash	120
Dr. A. H. Tanner	120
Dr. F. H. Moore	24
Dr. H. H. Hare	30
Dr. R. E. McKeon	30
Dr. J. L. Thompson	30
Dr. E. H. Haynes	40
Dr. S. L. Clemence	30
Dr. Garesche	30
A. A. Freeman	10
Miss E. Coigdarripe	20
J. H. Hill	25
Robert Fox (Royal Oak)	10
M. P. Gordon	50
Mrs. Harry Rowley	60
Miss Annie Bruce	12
L. D. McLean	60

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

F. Wolen, of Campbell River, is at the Dominion.

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T. T. Merrifield, of Trail, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

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C. Stone and Mrs. Stone, of Duncan, are at the Dominion hotel.

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Registered at the Empress hotel is H. A. Lawrence, of Seattle.

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Mrs. J. Young, of Nanaimo, is staying at the Metropolis hotel.

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J. M. Livingston, of Toronto, is registered at the Empress hotel.

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L. L. Butler, of Tacoma, is registered at the Metropolis hotel.

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H. H. Gray, of Cameron, Alta., is staying at the Dominion hotel.

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Lieut. G. M. Irwin and Mrs. Irwin are guests of the Dominion hotel.

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E. Gammon, chief of police of Prince Rupert, is staying at the Dominion.

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[illegible] Popoff and Mrs. Popoff, of Blaine Lake, Alta., are at the Dominion hotel.

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George C. Tunstall, of Savona, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

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F. C. Pierce and Mrs. Pierce, of Seattle, are new arrivals at the Dominion.

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Moses B. Cotsworth, of New Westminster, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

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H. H. Hutton and family, of Biggar, Sask., are staying at the Dominion hotel.

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E. G. Morrison and wife, of Cowichan Lake, are at the Metropolis hotel.

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James Boyd and G. R. Gibson, of Calgary, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

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J. W. Henderson and J. G. Brown, of Vancouver, are guests at the Metropolis hotel.

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Thos. Hedaler and E. Malhomme, of North Battleford, Sask., are staying at the Dominion.

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J. R. Mills and F. Mills, of Bassano, Alta., are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

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Col. and Mrs. H. H. Dobbie, of Maple Bay, are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion hotel.

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Mrs. C. Peterson, Harry Dalton and T. R. Frazer, of Honolulu, are new arrivals at the Dominion.

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Vancouver registrations at the Empress hotel yesterday included J. A. Cunningham and E. M. Yarwood.

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William Oothout, of New York, arrived in the city yesterday. He is visiting friends on the coast for a few days.

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C. C. MacLean, M. Matthewson, Frank Beban, A. E. Glen and James Dick are down from Ladysmith and are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

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Parlor Maids' Aprons, with hemstitched bib and deep hem. Each, at ..... 65¢
Muslin Apron, with embroidery frill over shoulder. Bib is pleated and is trimmed with insertion. Each ..85¢
Princess Apron, of a white lawn trimmed with embroidery and insertion, $1.25. Also in dotted Swiss at the same price.

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Kewpie Handkerchiefs, 3 in box, for ..... 25¢
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Hon. John Oliver Gives Sound Advice to Board of Trade

GOVERNMENT TO HELP HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT

Contributions to Johnson Street Bridge Should Be Decided by Railway Commissioners

"It is necessary to carry our patriotism into our everyday work," declared Hon. John Oliver, minister of railways, when discussing the question of the development of the Indian reserve at the regular monthly meeting of the board of trade yesterday afternoon.

"People must yield up ungrudgingly to the cause of empire. It is the desire of the government to aid in every way by utilizing the resources of the country and changing them into marketable commodities. The whole question must be considered from a broad provincial point of view. You will find the government prepared to co-operate along the line of development, but you must show them that your proposals are of a business nature and such as will pan out," he continued.

"Your discussions have turned mainly on the utilization of the industrial sites of the old reserve, but I have received no information as to what it is possible to do. Fault has been found with the government for not doing the work, but I must point out to you that millions of dollars have already been spent in unproductive work. We have to develop in the light of these burdens. We have to consider what industries may be established and whether we can use our wealth in competition with other countries.

"In regard to the sites, I recently asked for a statement regarding the cost of the work that has been done there, and I was informed that for removing the rock the cost was $2.42 a cubic yard, and that the price for which a contractor would do it and make a profit was $1.25. For removing the earth the cost to the government had been 82c. a yard, when a contractor's price would be 35c. These are the figures given by the engineer. The work has been carried on as relief work, and I doubt if it is good policy to give a man two weeks work and then six weeks idleness. I do not think it is economical or beneficial to employ men that way. The government will decide definitely on a plan and do the work according to it. It is necessary in anything we do to build, not only for the present but for future generations. There must be permanency of operations."

Johnson Street Bridge.

Speaking of the Johnson street bridge, Mr. Oliver said that he recognized its value and the necessity of its being built soon. It must be taken up and dealt with.

Something had been said at the meeting about the failure to come to an agreement with the railways interested in the possible use of the bridge. He reminded them that the courts of law were for private quarrels and the board of railway commissioners for disputes such as these. It should step in and say what each should pay and all parties should be governed by it. There was a proper business way of going about all these things.

Concluding the minister said: "We shall strive to assist in the development of the reserve or any other matter which is for the benefit of the city or province, and I believe a solution can be found for every difficulty."

The discussion on the reserve development was of a very informal nature and did not follow any plan or method. The president, C. H. Lugrin, explained that it was intended to have a full and free discussion for the edification of the minister of railways and others. The government owned the whole of the land on the reserve except the parts which had been turned over to the C.P.R. He referred to the need for a better approach from the city by bridge and the necessity of improving the facilities for water communication, especially between the reserve and the new docks. The valuable property on the reserve could not be sold without communication with the city by bridge.

Some time ago, continued Mr. Lugrin, the former premier at the request of the board had assured them that the sites would be leased only for business purposes, and he hoped that this policy would continue. There was also a question regarding the cost of water on which he would like to get an expression of opinion.

J. J. Shallcross referred to the desirability of developing industries so that when the men returned there would be work for them. The central idea in improving the reserve was to secure communication with the outer dock. There must be close railway connection either by ferry or by bridge to Laurel Point. As the leasing system in regard to the industrial sites on the reserve had not brought any results he thought it might be wise to consider whether it would not be better to change that policy and offer to sell instead of lease. There was a large amount of interest in the investment piling up, and from that point of view it was desirable to improve the property.

Opposed to Selling.

H. B. Thomson was opposed to selling the sites. He had always opposed this method of disposing of the property. If they could offer reasonable lease terms they were more likely to get people in. Vancouver visitors would bear out that the cost of sites in that city had been one of the most difficult things to overcome in getting industries. He thought they should stick to the leasehold tenure system. He felt very strongly on the necessity of getting to work. Heretofore going on the land was the only plan adopted in regard to the returned soldiers, but not more than 20 per cent. would be willing to adopt that method of making a living after they returned. In order to pay interest on the war loan it would be necessary to ship material out of the country, and for that reason it was essential industries should be established at once.

H. E. Beasley explained by reference to a map how connection with the railway could be secured at once.

Alderman Porter outlined briefly what had been done in regard to the building of the bridge, the present status being that the whole thing was in the hands of the provincial government. He considered the bridge essential for the proper development of the reserve. It would be a serious handicap to any manufacturer not to have proper communication with this side of the harbor.

P. R. Brown emphasized the Esquimalt point of view in regard to the necessity of better communication across the harbor.

A. Gennason expressed the opinion that the bridge would be worth all it would cost and it should be built at once. They were through the delay in this important work, making themselves look foolish in the eyes of the neighboring communities.

Joseph Sayward expressed the desire of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company to do whatever was possible to forward the encouragement of industries. It would be for their benefit as much as for anyone. He said that the company could not lay waterpipes unless the roads were graded. They had done this in Victoria West and had had to dig them up again.

Winnipeg's Experience.

R. R. Neild said they must be in a position to give inducements to concerns wishing to locate on the reserve. Cheap power was a great inducement. In Winnipeg they had been able to give cheap power, and as a result they had secured no less than 300 new industries in seven years. The rate for electric power in that city was one-quarter of a cent per kilowatt hour with 10 per cent. off for cash, and the light rate was 3c. per kilowatt hour. By selling light and power at these rates the city had been able to clear off the indebtedness of its electric plant.

Mr. Neild said that he had been figuring out what they could do with a factory at the close of the war. They must create a permanent industry and not be dependent on a bit of jobbing. He had been trying to get in touch with commercial houses with the idea of getting them to locate here, but he found that without the iron and steel it was difficult to do anything. Iron and steel were the base of all other industries. The price had gone up 400 per cent. during the last few years and for that reason he thought they should dig it out of the earth and manufacture it themselves. He concluded:

"British Columbia should be the busiest country. She has the product at her doors and we should get together and see what we can do. Now is the time to set about building up the iron and steel industry. There is an immense market and if we get the iron and steel it will not be long before we are manufacturing steel ships."

The discussion was continued by Beaumont Boggs, Moresby White, John Hart, M.P.P.; H. C. Hall, M.P.P.; George Bell, M.P.P.; and closed by the minister of railways.

There were present a number of visitors from Vancouver including N. Thomson, president of the Vancouver board of trade, and W. A. Blair, secretary, and C. E. Cartwright, A. Phillips, T. W. Fletcher, E. A. Haggen, A. G. Perry, Reeve Windraw, of South Vancouver, and Geo. S. Haynes, M.P.P., mayor of North Vancouver.

AMALGAMATING ROLLS FOR ASSESSMENT

Reform is Being Brought Into Practice in List Now in Hand

A change is taking place at the city hall, which will save considerable clerical work, and will result in greater efficiency in the future. It is in connection with the preparation of the civic assessment roll, which will be returned to the council on or just after January 10.

Instead of there being two rolls, one for the assessor's department, the other for the treasurer's department, known as the collector's roll, the lists are now amalgamated, and the volume will be reserved on the left hand side for the assessor's staff, on the right hand side for the collector's entries. Thus when the roll is returned, it will have each alternate page blank, ready ruled for the inclusion of the taxes to be levied against each lot after the tax rate is struck following the completion of the work of the court of revision. These pages will be filled in next summer, saving a great deal of clerical work which in past years has been necessary to have done when the roll was copied for use downstairs.

Of course with the statutory direction on the preparation of the roll there must be a substantial reduction next year, and each year during the war, and the assessment on land values will show a percentage reduction in 1917. It is to be hoped there will not be the long delay between the return of the roll and the sitting of the court which occurred this year, and so neutralized absolutely the advantage which would have resulted from the early return of the list in January, an effort which had been sought for years.

The roll has reflected, not perhaps to the extent of the wishes of citizens, the gradual reduction in the value of property in the city since the boom, and it is hoped that the assessment in 1917 will be more consonant with the salable value of property at this time.

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"The inclination to reciprocity between the Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth is alive now in Australia in a way I have not seen it before," said J. H. Boyd, a young business man from Toronto, on completing another commercial tour in the Antipodes. He arrived on the Niagara last evening, en route home. Mr. Boyd has made several trips recently, and is therefore in a position to contrast conditions and note changes in sentiment.

"To take advantage of that attitude," he pointed out, "it is necessary to have articles of exchange which will keep ships loaded on both journeys. It is a most unfortunate circumstance that Canadian exports have been crippled at this time by shortage of tonnage owing to the deep sea shipping being controlled so largely elsewhere. There are a number of commodities, particularly lumber products, of which Australia has been short, but it has been impossible to get them from Canada for that reason. Take the case, for instance, of news paper. In the past that product came from Scandinavian countries chiefly, now the source of supply is practically cut off. The British Columbia product is greatly desired over there, and it may be assumed when shipping facilities are normal that the paper exports to Australia will show a great increase.

"You will notice there has been a considerable decrease in the cargoes carried by the steamers of this line—wool, butter and frozen meat—all of which have been tremendously in demand for Imperial service purposes. For that reason, any argument which was used now would be subject to revision when conditions become normal.

"While sentiment and business do not often run together, advantage should be taken now of the lukewarm feeling throughout Australia to the United States owing to the war, to push the development of trade before the present feeling changes."

As a Canadian he expressed himself glad to note the drawing together in closer ties of the various self-governing dominions.

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DIVER'S CREW SAFE

Mothership Cheyenne Effected Rescue From H-3 by Breeches Buoy.

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 15.—A mistake of two miles in reckoning was among the reports here to-day to account for the wrecking of the submarine H-3, which piled up yesterday on the beach north of the entrance to Humboldt Bay.

Officers and crew were taken aboard the mother ship Cheyenne after being rescued by breeches buoy. The H-3 lay to-day stern on to the waves, tethered to the shore and hidden by the fog.

According to one account of the accident the submarine flotilla, proceeding down the coast from Bremerton, Wash., believed itself opposite Humboldt Bay and the H-3 turned to run into harbor. The mistake was discovered when the little craft was among the breakers.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 15.—Commandant F. M. Bennett, of the Mare Island navy yard, received a wireless message to-day from Lieut. William B. Howe, commanding the Cheyenne, stating that a 10-inch hawser had been made fast to the H-3, which stranded yesterday on the Humboldt coast north of Eureka. Lieut. Howe asked for a navy tug. It was said the gunboat Vicksburg would be ordered to the scene from Bremerton, if needed to assist in putting a strain on the H-3.

GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT LOST.

London, Dec. 15.—Wreckage of a German torpedo boat has been washed ashore near Gothenburg, says the Exchange Telegraph Company's Copenhagen correspondent. The correspondent says the Danish steamer Vidar, bound for Hull with general products, has been captured by Germans and taken into Swinemunde.

NIELSEN ON TRIALS.

Early this afternoon the Norwegian freighter Niels Nielsen was undergoing trials in the gulf. In the event of the new wheel proving satisfactory it is expected she will put to sea for Vladivostok to-day.

LEON IN TO-MORROW.

The Harrison Direct Line steamer Crown of Leon, will reach port to-morrow evening from Liverpool via San Francisco. She has 350 tons of cargo for discharge here.

MAKURA IS SPOKEN.

The liner Makura, Capt. J. D. S. Phillips, of the Canadian-Australasian line, arrived at Auckland on Tuesday, according to word received by the agents here.

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SAFETY OF GRILSE CAUSED SENSATION

News of Torpedo-boat's Arrival at Shelburne Hailed With Delight

CLEVER SEAMANSHIP OF LOCAL COMMANDER

Tremendous Seas Wrecked Craft in 60-Mile Gale; Six of Complement Lost

Glad news was flashed across the continent last night to the effect that H. M. C. S. Grilse, which since Tuesday last had been given up as lost with all hands, several of whom, including the commander, were British Columbians, had managed to limp into Shelburne Harbor, Nova Scotia, after a thrilling fight against odds in one of the worst storms that ever swept the North Atlantic.

The joyful tidings of her safety created something of a sensation, as all hope for the torpedo boat and her gallant complement had been abandoned, and it was hailed with particular delight in Victoria and Vancouver, from which points nine of her crew had been mustered.

Fine Seamanship.

The clever seamanship exhibited by Lieut. Walter Wingate, R. N. C. V. R., whose wife and family reside in this city, in working his command back to port after she had been sorely disabled and with her engines put out of commission, under such trying conditions, is fully realized, and the dramatic feat is the talk of shipping circles.

None of the six gallant lads who lost their lives when washed overboard by tremendous seas comes from this province. Those lost were: A. J. Harris, Mayo, Ireland; Harry McAuliffem, Halifax, N. S.; G. Ashwin, London; Walter Trembee, Toronto; Robert Wilkinson, Wellington-on-Tyne, Eng.; and E. Clements, Hamilton, Ont. Two others were injured, Fred Chandlerm, of Worthington, Eng., who sustained a fractured leg and severe internal injuries; and Sub-Lieut. C. McL. Fry, of Ottawa, who had his wrist and jaw broken.

The news that the Grilse was safe came through late last night in a telegraphic dispatch from Shelburne, N. S., stating the vessel, with the loss of six members of her crew, limped into Shelburne harbor at 10.30 p. m., steaming at 8 knots. The vessel itself sustained but little damage. The Grilse's wireless apparatus was put out of commission after she had sent out the S. O. S. call on Tuesday last. The message was relayed to the Cape Race wireless station and it is thought there was a mistake in transmission, as she was far south of the position given, which accounts for the inability of the rescue vessels to locate her.

Storm Encountered.

Bound from Halifax for Bermuda the Grilse encountered bad weather on Monday night and her officers arrived at the conclusion that it would be advisable to put into Shelburne for shelter. The following day the storm increased in violence, and the vessel began to take in water, causing her to settle by the head.

Tremendous seas crashed over the small craft, smashing her hatches and flooding the engineroom. The vessel settled so badly that the wireless call was sent out that she was sinking. Her engineers and artificers worked up to their waists in water, and it was feared that the end had come. Two of her three lifeboats were smashed and carried away and the lifecrafts also went adrift.

Before a 60-mile gale the helpless torpedo boat drifted helplessly. There was so much water aboard that the crew wondered that she kept afloat. Her deckhouse was caved in and mainmast carried away by a gigantic sea, but she remained on the surface.

Under this terrific weight of water six of the men went overboard, never to be seen again, and her wireless was hopelessly wrecked.

Soon after midnight the gale abated slightly, and when it became evident that the weather was moderating the men took heart and worked to save their vessel. By noon on Wednesday the wind had died down and the sun shone brightly. The cold was less severe and all that was lacking was food and water. Strenuous efforts were put forth in pumping and bailing out water, and finally the engineroom was partly cleared and the engineers were enabled to get up steam. Then at but eight knots the craft was set on a course for a port of refuge. It was realized that another storm would prove fatal to the sadly battered craft.

On Wednesday night as the Grilse was limping ahead the lookout reported a steamer's lights in the port bow and distress signals were displayed, but the steamer held her course without sighting them. Later another steamer was sighted and distress signals were again sent up, but to no avail. At this time the Grilse was badly down by the head, but she remained afloat and finally steamed into Shelburne harbor under her own steam.

The Victoria officers aboard the Grilse are Lieut. Walter Wingate, commander, and Sub-Lieut. Winsloe. Other local members of the crew were quartermaster Alan Ford and A. Anderson.

Mr. Ford, Alan's father, who is postmaster at Duncan, B. C., got in touch with the Times by long-distance telephone this morning with the welcome information that he had received news of his son's safety.

The news of the safety of the Grilse, following its receipt on this coast, was given the widest publicity. At the Pantages theatre last night Manager Rice had the news flashed upon the screen, and the tidings was received with resounding applause.

LIEUT. WALTER WINGATE

Gallant local commander, who navigated his vessel back to port against great odds.

RUSSIAN REFUGEES ARRIVE ON CANADA

Party of 106 From Stricken Territory Are Bound for the United States

Aboard the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Canada Maru, which arrived in port this morning from the Orient, were more Russian refugees than have crossed the Pacific in some months. Out of a total of 154 passengers on the liner no less than 106 were Russian Jews fleeing from the districts now under the yoke of German tyranny. The majority are women and children, all being bound for points in the United States. Since the Teutonic forces overran Poland and Courland this class of immigrant has been more or less conspicuous among the passengers arriving on this coast by all Japanese liners. With each ship the numbers are on the increase and special interpreters are now brought over from Seattle to facilitate the work of the American immigration officials in handling them.

The Canada Maru reached William Head late last night from Hongkong and Yokohama after an average trans-Pacific passage. Southerly to southeasterly gales were experienced after getting clear of the Japanese coast, but as this weather was favorable to the ship the best speed was got out of her and she completed the trip without incident. At times the heavy following seas flopped big combers over the stern, but no damage was sustained. According to Capt. T. Suruga, the Canada had a rough experience while steaming between Hongkong and Shanghai when she bumped into the tail of a big typhoon which made matters most interesting for all aboard.

The vessel was six days making the run, which is usually accomplished in three days. Heading right into the teeth of the gale she made but slow progress, and on one day only succeeded in covering 80 miles. While en route she picked up the message sent out by the liner Empress of Russia relative to the damage sustained by the big C.P.R. ship while on passage from this port to Yokohama.

The Canada was granted pratique at daybreak to-day and came alongside the outer docks about 10 a.m. to discharge 75 tons of Oriental freight. Her total cargo amounted to 5,252 tons, apportioned as follows: Victoria, 75 tons; Vancouver, 428 tons; Seattle, 1,775 tons, and Tacoma 2,974 tons. The Vancouver cargo will be unloaded on the Sound and transhipped to its destination. Her cargo is made up of rice, tin, rubber, oranges, tea, walnuts, beans, potato starch, sugar, hemp, window glass, lily bulbs, sweet potatoes, wood oil, skins, wool, matting, straw braid, bamboo, toys, curios, cotton goods, drugs, and canned goods. The silk cargo amounted to 1,883 bales and cases, valued at about $1,000,000.

There were seven first-class Japanese passengers and 141 steerage, including the Russians, for Seattle. Six Japanese steerage were put ashore at William Head.

The Canada Maru sailed early this afternoon for Seattle via Diamond Point.

IMPRESSIONS OF DARKEST SYDNEY

New South Wales Capital a City of Candlelight When Niagara Left Australian Shores

Some interesting impressions of phases of the altered conditions in Sydney as the outcome of the coal strike were gathered from passengers arriving on the liner Niagara last night. When the Niagara sailed from Sydney on November 23 the chief illuminating power in the business houses at night was candles, and it was only in such places as government offices that the officials reached the dignity of hurricane lanterns. The vaudeville houses and theatres were in darkness and picture shows closed.

Night in Sydney had lost its attractions and the streets were almost deserted. The suspension of the electric street car service in certain areas greatly added to the number of pedestrians in the daylight hours. The ferry boats were still maintaining a curtailed service to the principal waterside suburbs, but pleasure trips had been abandoned almost entirely. No freight trains were being run, but the passenger expresses still kept up communications with state and inter-state centres.

Accustomed to Change.

The suburban train service was considerably curtailed. According to information gleaned from passengers on the Niagara the people seemed to view the new conditions with a stolid indifferent air, and what a short time ago were hardships, were now considered quite the right thing, as if electric light and gas had never been conveniences, and candles the only illuminant known.

Perhaps the knowledge that such crude devices, such primitive and irregular means of transport, darkened streets and lack of city gaieties were temporary conditions, and that a return to modern civic appliances would soon come, helped to keep up the spirits of the people.

Another passenger described how the restaurants suffered on account of the electric power being denied for cooking purposes. Many of the most popular of the city's eating houses had been closed. In some of the large warehouses the staffs were idle on account of the electric power being cut off.

Coasting cargo steamers, denied coal by the authorities, were riding at anchor in the harbor. Robberies from jewelers' stores in the principal thoroughfares of Sydney had taken place under cover of the darkness, despite the strong force of police patrolling the streets.

The Niagara, by reason of the fact that she is an oil-burner, and carries sufficient fuel oil from this side for the round trip, did not suffer any delay through the strike, being dispatched from Sydney right on schedule.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 15, 8 a.m.

Point Grey—Fog; calm; 30.14; 30; dense.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 30.15; 38; sea smooth.

Pachena—Overcast; calm; 30.10; 40; sea smooth.

Estevan—Drizzling rain; calm; 29.96; 40; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Rain; calm; 29.99; 34; sea smooth.

Triangle—Drizzling rain; N.W. light; 30.20; 40; sea moderate. Spoke str Humboldt, 9.40 p.m., off Cape Caution. 8 p.m., southbound; str City of Seattle, 9.45 p.m., north of Millbank Sound, 8 p.om., southbound; str Princess Beatrice, 11.0 5p.m., off Egg Island, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; W. light; 30.02; 30; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; S. W.; 29.74; 36; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Snow; S. W. light; 29.91; 34; sea smooth. Passed in, str Prince George, 3.10 a.m., southbound.

Noon.

Point Grey—Fog; S. E., light; 30.5; 31; dense.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 30.14; 40; sea smooth.

Pachena—Overcast; calm; 30.15; 42; sea smooth.

Estevan—Drizzling rain; calm; 29.90; 42; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.98; 37; sea smooth.

Triangle—Cloudy; hazy; W., light; 30.20; 42; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point—Gloomy; S. E., light; 30.07; 31; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.80; 38; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Snow; S. W., light; 29.96; 36; sea smooth. Passed out, str Prince George, 9.15 a. m., southbound.

EMPRESS LATE IN SAILING FOR ORIENT

Twenty hours behind schedule, the C. P. O. S. liner Empress of Japan, which has been fogbound at Vancouver since yesterday noon, arrived alongside the outer docks about 1.15 o'clock this afternoon on her way out to the Far East. For several days past the weather has been very thick at Vancouver and the Japan was unable to get through the First Narrows.

When she left this afternoon for Yokohama and Hongkong the liner carried a good saloon list and many Chinese in the steerage. Among those embarking here were Frederick Knight, who has been master mechanic on the breakwater contract under Sir John Jackson, Ltd., and who is proceeding to Singapore to take charge of a machine shop for the British government.

Others going aboard here were N. W. Hemming, bound for Hongkong; F. A. Fairchild, for Yokohama and Miss Erna Holland.

NIAGARA HAD FINE RUN FROM SYDNEY

Concert at Sea, in Which Madame Melba Figured, Netted Large Sum for Red Cross

With a total of 154 passengers in all classes, there being 68 saloon, 53 second cabin and 33 steerage, the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara, Capt. J. T. Rolls, reached port at 6 o'clock last night, 21 days out from Sidney via Auckland, Suva, and Honolulu. Capt. Rolls reported having good weather throughout the trip to Honolulu, clear skies and gentle breezes being the order up to that stage.

After getting clear of the Hawaiians a touch of bad weather was experienced for a day or two but the voyage terminated with a burst of sunshine which brought all the passengers out on deck as she hove in sight of the Vancouver Island coastline. It was very hot crossing the equator.

Madame Melba On Board.

Prominent among the passengers, as far as Honolulu, was Madame Melba, the famous Australian prima donna, who is making one of her periodical trips to the Hawaiian Islands. Quite a large number of passengers disembarked from the Niagara at Honolulu, making connections with the steamship Great Northern for San Francisco.

Among the travelers arriving here last night was J. H. Catts, M. H. R., one of the 24 members of the new labor party in the federal House of Representatives, who are in opposition to Premier Hughes on conscription.

A. Craven Hargrove, a prominent citizen of Sydney, accompanied by Mrs. Hargrove and two children, also passed through.

Charlie Burns, a lightweight prizefighter, accompanied by Mrs. Burns, was a second class passenger from Sydney.

The passengers disembarking here last night were:

First saloon—Mr. J. McKenzie, Mrs. K. Wilson and son, Mr. C. Humphreys, Mr. J. H. Weddell, Doctor H. West, Miss L. Porter, Miss L. Doud, Mrs. E. Hughes.

Second saloon—Mrs. E. LeBreton and child, Mr. H. Delzon, Mrs. C. Peterson.

Steerage—Mr. H. Allen, Mrs. A. Asquith and child, Miss M. Guy, Mr. R. Robarts, Mr. F. Fraser.

Capt. Rolls has a number of new officers with him on the present trip. A. W. Creese is first officer, replacing E. Vellenworth, who has been given the command of the Union Line cargo steamer Kowkai, plying in the interstate trade.

J. A. Luxford, second officer, succeeds T. Pole; E. W. Jay, third officer, succeeds R. Kane, and G. Atwood, extra third officer, takes the place of J. Sangster.

Pursers C. E. Leighton and C. C. Callis, Surgeon M. J. O'Neill, Chief Engineer W. Peterson, and Chief Steward H. E. Read, are still with the ship.

While here last night the Niagara put off 70 tons of freight. Her total cargo amounted to 3,500 tons, made up of the usual Australian and New Zealand products.

A concert was held during the voyage, in which Madame Melba took an active part, the proceeds of which, $850, will be devoted to the Red Cross.

L. V. DRUCE PROMOTED.

L. V. Druce, G.T.P. general agent of the freight department at Vancouver, has been promoted to the position of divisional freight agent at Edmonton. He succeeds A. E. McMaster, who has accepted the appointment of secretary to the Manufacturers' Association at Vancouver. The G.T.P. post vacated by Mr. Druce at Vancouver will be filled by A. Davidson, general agent, freight department, Prince Rupert.

SCHOONER PUMPED OUT.

According to advices from Port Angeles, the British schooner Coquitlam City, which was towed in from the Cape early in the week in a waterlogged condition, has been pumped out and is anchored in the harbor, leaking but little. She will be towed to Seattle by the tug Tyee to-day to discharge her lumber cargo.

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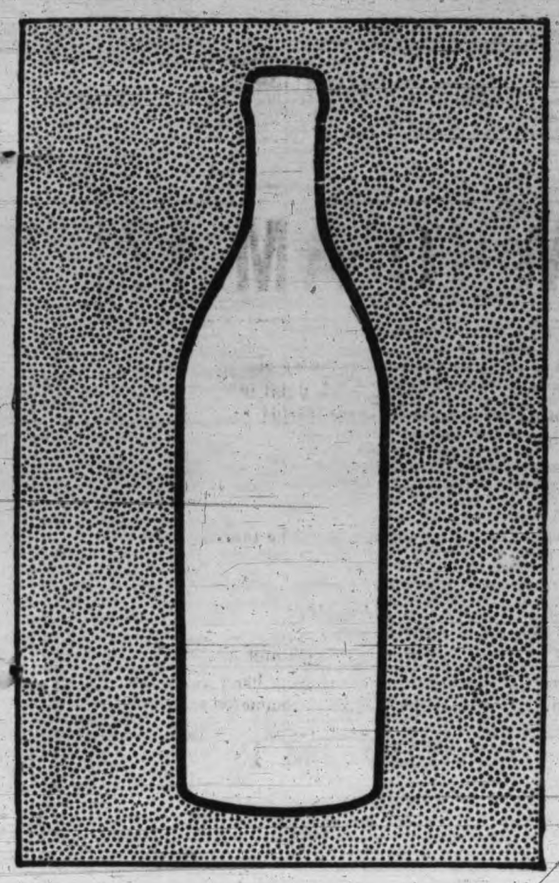

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SPORTING NEWS

NO RETURN RUGBY GAME TO-MORROW

Match Between Bantams and V. I. A. A. Postponed; Practice for V. I. A. A. Men

The announcement has been made that he return rugby match that was to ave been played to-morrow between he B. C. Bantams and the V. I. A. A., s postponed owing to the fact that nilitary duties prevent several of the oldiers team from turning out. It herefore, was thought better to wait ntil a representative squad could be ut on the field.

In place of the return game the V. I. A. are holding a practice match at he Heywood avenue grounds for the urpose of trying out players for the orming of a representative team to neet the Michigan team should it visit he city. The latter fifteen scheduled to leave on their tour on December 16, and although no word has as yet been received from Mr. Brehens, of Stanford, a communication from him is daily expected, stating whether or not they will visit this city.

The V. I. A. A. teams follow:

"A" team — Full-back, Huxtable; three-quarters, Nason, Lieut. Meredith, Lieut. Scott and Capt. Wallace; half-backs, Lieut. Robertson and Sgt. Ellis; five-eighths, Staples; forwards, Winsby, Hiscocks, Flamank, Dunn, McGregor, McGann and Davies.

"B" team—Sgt. Kenning; three-quarters, Bendrodt, Thompson, Pte. Grafton and Capt. Reid; half-backs, Grubb and Hall; five-eighths, Pte. Milligan; forwards, Boyd, Sweeney, Johnson, Patrick, Thompson, Sgt. Watts and Lieut. Henderson.

Play will start promptly at 2.30.

CANNOT HIT BALL.

That pitchers cannot and, therefore, are not expected to hit the ball, is readily proved by a glance at the 1916 National League averages. Of the last 42 men in the standing 34 of them are pitchers, while the other eight are mostly recruits who have been found wanting. The best swat average in the bunch was .188, while the lowest is .075.

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ROBERTS TOPS LIST OF LEAGUE SCORERS

Three Vancouver Men Stand First in Coast Hockey; Individual Penalty Report

Three Vancouver players top the scoring lists and Portland furnished the "bad man" in the official records of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association compiled up to and including last Tuesday's matches. Roberts, the former Montreal star, is the leading goalgetter, with nine in four matches, while he also breaks into the assist column with one to his credit. Right behind him in scoring is "Cyclone" Taylor, the Ty Cobb of hockey, who is now recovering from an attack of appendicitis, but who in three matches ran up nine points, scoring four goals and assisting in the scoring of four others, showing that he is one of the best combination players on the circuit. Barney Stanley and Dubbie Kerr, of Vancouver and Spokane, respectively, are tied for third place with eight points each. Both have scored six goals and are credited with two assists. Stanley's playing in the last two matches has been one of the features of Vancouver's showing. In the Seattle game last Tuesday he collected no less than five of Vancouver's seven counters.

The majority of the players on the circuit, including the substitutes, have broken into the scoring sheets, although Eddie Carpenter, Seattle's sterling defence man, is one who has not yet jumped into the charmed circle, although he is playing a great game on the defence.

The official scoring marks, including games of December 12, follow:

Individual Scoring.

	Games	Goals	Asts.	Pts.
Roberts (Vancouver)	4	9	1	10
Taylor (Vancouver)	3	4	5	9
Stanley (Vancouver)	4	6	2	8
Kerr (Spokane)	4	6	2	8
Mackay (Vancouver)	4	4	3	7
L. Patrick (Vanc'r)	4	4	3	7
Walker (Seattle)	4	4	3	7
Nichols (Spokane)	4	1	5	6
Morris (Seattle)	4	3	3	6
McDonald (Spokane)	4	4	2	6
Dunderdale (Portland)	4	3	2	5
Tobin (Portland)	4	3	2	5
Harris (Portland)	4	5	0	5
Johnson (Portland)	4	2	3	5
Wilson (Seattle)	4	4	0	4
Irvin (Portland)	4	3	1	4
Mallen (Spokane)	4	4	0	4
L. Cook (Spokane)	4	3	1	4
F. Patrick (Vanc'r)	4	1	2	3
Genge (Spokane)	4	2	0	2
Foyston (Seattle)	4	0	2	2
Rowe (Seattle)	4	1	1	2
Moynes (Vancouver)	2	1	1	2
Marples (Portland)	4	1	0	1
Griffis (Vancouver)	4	1	0	1
Rickey (Seattle)	3	1	0	1
Riley (Seattle)	3	1	0	1
Totals		81	44	125

Penalty Summary.

Clean play has been one of the outstanding features of this season's campaign on the coast circuit. It is gratifying to note that there have been but few penalties considering the strenuous playing of all teams, and but two major fouls. Tommy Dunderdale, in former seasons but rarely seen on the penalty bench, tops the list with a total of 36 minutes off the ice for rough playing. Cully Wilson, the "bad man" of the circuit last year, is next with 30 minutes off. Even Frank Patrick, the coast prexy, has been chased to the bench, but only on two occasions, and then for not much more than making faces at the opposition.

The official penalty list follows:

Individual Penalties.

	Games	Times off	Total penalties Mins.
Dunderdale (Portland)	4	3	36
Wilson (Seattle)	4	8	30
Nichols (Spokane)	4	5	17
Mackay (Vancouver)	4	5	15
Johnson (Portland)	4	3	14
Kerr (Spokane)	4	3	13
Griffis (Vancouver)	4	3	11
Patrick (Vancouver)	4	2	10
Roberts (Vancouver)	4	3	9
Harris (Portland)	4	3	9
Genge (Spokane)	4	2	6
Loughlin (Portland)	4	1	3
Irvin (Portland)	4	1	3
Barbour (Portland)	3	1	3
Mallen (Spokane)	4	1	3
L. Patrick (Spokane)	4	1	3
Taylor (Vancouver)	3	1	3
Riley (Seattle)	3	1	3
Tobin (Portland)	4	1	3
Total		48	184

UMPIRES OF MINOR LEAGUES MAKE STAND

Even the poor, downtrodden umpire has a kick to register this year. The National Association of Professional Umpires is holding a session in Chicago this week. The most important business on hand concerns a discussion on ways and means for the betterment of conditions among umpires in the minor leagues.

The umpires contend that a minor league president often retains the services of six umpires, uses four and holds two for a part of the season. This action, they assert, is unfair. They will demand the same consideration given umpires in the major leagues.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Kingston, Dec. 15.—"Billy" Callahan, one of Canada's best known half-backs and semi-professional baseball player, had a narrow escape from losing his arm when his hand was caught in machinery at the locomotive works, where he has been working for the last few weeks on munitions. By main strength he pulled the hand out and saved the arm. As it was he will lose the use of two fingers of his left hand.

Callahan first sprang into football prominence when he played for Ottawa in 1900 and continued with them for five seasons. He then went to Montreal, where he went on the McGill squad. Of late he has been playing baseball through New York state.

SOCCER GAMES WILL BE PLAYED TO-MORROW

First Round in Series for Peden Cup Will Be Staged Saturday

The following games will be played to-morrow in the first round of the Peden cup ties:

The Navy vs. 143rd Battalion, at the Canteen grounds. Referee H. B. Robinson.

The Retailers vs. the Garrison, at Central Park. Referee P. Pike.

The Victoria Wests vs. H. M. S. Shearwater, at Beacon Hill. Referee P. C. Payne.

The James Bays vs. the Congos, at Beacon Hill upper grounds. Referee Sergt. Telfer.

The line-ups that have been announced follow:

Congos—Reed; Gibson and Sanford; Blundell, McDonald and F. Dangerfield; Francis, Moulton, Christian, W. Walton and E. Cull. Reserves, Webster, B. Walton and A. R. Hole.

Retailers—Mack; Lesson; Cox and Shanks; Bossom, Buchan and J. Fea; Lomas, Day, Hill, Bachelor and Anderson. Reserves, Henderson and Logie.

Bantams — Lister; Williams and Harker; Johnson, Hornsby and Blakeborough; Cornwall, Youson, Burns, Joinson and Wilkie.

Wests—Sheriff; Whyte and Tunnicliffe; Thackeray, Petticrew and Allen; Thomas, Petticrew, Sheratt, Shakespeare and Muir.

The V. I. A. A. soccer team will play a friendly game with the Centrals at Central Park on the lower ground at 2.45 o'clock, when the following will play for the V. I. A. A.: Lefevre; Elliott and Castle; Brown, Harwood and Davies; Hay, Downes, Knight, Speak and Maxey. Reserve, McArthur.

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOLDS LONG MEETING

Much Interest Shown in Rules to Strip Pitchers of Some of Their Power

New York, Dec. 15.—Despite the fact that the National League magnates already have been in session here three days, they have not yet considered the proposed changes in the rules governing the world's series, the new players' contracts and other matters of similar importance. To rid their programme of a vast amount of detail, morning and afternoon sessions were held to-day.

Much interest was shown in the suggestions read by Percy Haughton, president of the Boston club, that the rules be changed so as to help batting and strip the pitchers of some of their power. Mr. Haughton expressed the opinion that the baseball public likes plenty of hitting and lots of scoring. Pitchers' battles present nothing thrilling to the ordinary baseball fan, he argued, and to sit for two hours and watch a pitcher mow down one player after another without a hit grows monotonous. He claimed that much of the pitcher's supremacy is due to artificial means. The moist ball, the resin ball and the emery ball were all criticized. Although many of the club owners thought the wet ball ought to be abolished, it was decided not to prohibit it without two years' notice to the pitchers. The emery ball now is under the ban and the use of resin may be barred by next season.

The most radical change suggested to improve the batting was to limit the number of foul strikes to one. This would rob the pitcher of a chance to have the second strike called on a foul ball. Another suggestion was to give a player his base on balls on three instead of four balls. These changes were deemed certain to force the pitchers to put the ball over the plate where the batsman would have a chance to hit it. According to Secretary Heydler, the league records show that it is the good batters who get all the passes and not the weaker ones.

What the leagues intend to do, Mr. Heydler explained, is to pass new rules so that the good hitters can have a better chance to show their batting talent.

All suggestions would be referred to the rules committee which will meet the rules committee of the American League in February.

INTER-CITY SOCCER IS ALMOST ASSURED

It is now almost certain that inter-city soccer will play its part in this winter's sport. At the last meeting of the Mainland association the proposals made by Victoria proved to be acceptable to the Vancouver players. The local boys will go to the Terminal City for the first game which will take place on February 17, if that date does not conflict with any league games in this city. It is probable that the return match will be played here on Good Friday.

CLUBS ENDOW COT.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—It was announced yesterday that a bed had been endowed by the Province of Quebec Football Association in the Montreal General Hospital at a cost of $250 per annum. A brass plate attached to the bed will contain the words: "This bed endowed by the Province of Quebec Football Association, 1916."

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Heston never played on a Michigan team that lost. In one game the Yost eleven was tied. In this game, which was against Minnesota, Michigan started the march down the field from its own 45-yard line. It made 65 yards in 12 plays. Heston carried the ball in 11 of these plays. His last effort left the ball on Minnesota's two-yard line, and Maddock carried it the remaining distance for a touchdown.

In 1903, the year that Michigan beat Chicago, 28 to 0, Heston gained 237 yards. His team mate carried the ball a total of 260 yards. It was in that game that Heston performed his remarkable feat of hurdling clear over Eckersall. Chicago's great quarter back had been instructed by Coach Stagg to tackle Heston from behind. On this play Heston came thundering down an open field with Eckersall, playing safety, directly in his path. Heston went straight at Eckersall, and as the latter crouched for the tackle, Heston left his feet. He hurdled the Chicago quarter back and no part of his body touched Eckersall's.

Columns might be written on Heston's performance at Michigan. He was never really stopped by an opposing eleven. Minnesota came nearer the trick than any other team he ever faced. He was a terror for four solid years in the days when there was no forward pass, but when backs had to smash the line and rush the ball, and when the opposition played only for a line attack or an end run, Heston went against a compact defence when he rushed, where the back field men of to-day, nine times out of ten, go against a line that is weakened to play safety against the open game.

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON BY WESTERN IRISH

Pte. George C. Hodge, formerly well known in Vancouver Rugby circles, who went overseas with the 121st Western Irish Battalion, writes from Bramshott camp on the eve of his departure for the front, asking to be remembered to all local ruggers who are still on the job and imparting the information that the Western Irish established a fine record in Old Country athletic competitions.

"We have done well in boxing," writes Pte. Hodge. "Pte. Knox won the camp championship in the middleweight class, while Pte. Fred (Bones) Boyd, boxing in the welterweight division, won his preliminary, but was unable to go into the finals on account of a bad wrist which he injured at New Westminster last year. All of the other boys made a good showing. Kindest regards to all my Rugby friends, particularly the schoolboys."

BOWLING NEWS.

By a margin of 32 pins the Pressmen defeated the B. C. Electric in the bowling league at the Arcade alleys last night. W. H. Wilkerson, the well-known local jeweler, was in attendance and presented each member of the Pressmen's tam with a handsome watch charm, for which they wish to express their appreciation. The scores follow:

Pressmen.

Fisher	169	95	134
Bell	109	179	134
G. Neill	113	118	134
T. Nute	188	140	126
W. Neill	126	127	127
Total	705	659	655
Total for Pressmen			2,019

B. C. Electric.

Watkins	138	109	134
Romans	102	141	106
Lemmax	168	120	132
McKenzie	94	127	132
Harrison	145	150	128
Total	648	647	632
Total for B. C. Electric			1,927

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AMERICAN LEAGUE HAS FIXED PRICES

Annual Meeting of Clubowners Received New Cleveland and Boston Managers

Chicago, Dec. 15.—American League club-owners started home to-day after completing the business of the annual meeting.

Among the subjects disposed of at the meeting was the reduction in the price of seats to the world's series games. A rule was passed stating that seats for the world's series in the American League parks would be double the price for the same seats during the regular baseball season. The new scale for world's series ranges from fifty cents for bleacher seats to one dollar and a half for the grandstand. An exception was made in the case of box seats, where the price of $5 was fixed.

The appeal of the committee from the minor leagues that the draft be dropped in the case of the three AA leagues was referred to President Johnson, of the American League for settlement. The committee, composed of Presidents Barrow, of the International League; Hickey, of the American Association; and Baum, of the Pacific Coast League, after placing their request before the magnates, returned to New York to renew their plea to the National League on the same subject.

A new form of player's contract containing the 10-day and the disability clauses was adopted and the new owners of the Cleveland and the Boston clubs were formally received into the league.

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BRAY'S STABLES, 728 Johnson. Livery, boarding, hacks, express wagon, etc. Phone 182.

MILLWOOD.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE MILLWOOD—Inside wood, $3.50 per cord; bark wood, $3.20 per cord; 4 ft. bark wood, $3 per cord. Phone 1611. j11

CAMERON WOOD CO.—Millwood, $3 per cord; $1.50 per ½ cord; kindling, $2 per ½ cord. Phone 5000. m5

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PLASTERER

PLASTERING—Frank Thomas, plasterer. Repairing, etc., prices reasonable. Phone 3312Y. 1750 Albert Ave., city. j1

POTTERYWARE

SEWER PIPE WARE—Field tiles, ground fire clay, etc. B. C. Pottery Co. Ltd. corner Broad and Pandora streets.

SEWER AND CEMENT WORKS

T. BUTCHER, sewer and cement work, 2230 Lee avenue. Phone 5285L. j13

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VICTORIA PLUMBING CO., 1052 Pandora street. Phones 3402 and 1450L.

PLUMBING AND REPAIR—Coil work, etc. Foxgord & Son, 1608 Douglas St. Phone 706.

THACKER & HOLT, plumbing and heating; jobbing promptly attended to. 600 Speed avenue. Phone 2922.

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VICTORIA SCAVENGING CO.—Office 1826 Government street. Phone 662. Ashes and garbage removed.

SHOE REPAIRING

FOR SATISFACTION in shoe repairing try Arthur Hibbs, 618 Trounce Ave. opposite Colonist Building. Phone 4162.

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WHERRY & TOW, 620 Pandora avenue. Phone 3921. High-class selection rugs, big game and various heads for sale.

TRUCK AND DRAY

VICTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO., LTD.—Office and stables, 749 Broughton St. Telephones 13, 4768, 1793.

TYPEWRITERS.

TYPEWRITERS—New and second-hand, repairs, rentals; ribbons for all machines. United Typewriter Co., Ltd., 732 Fort street, Victoria. Phone 4798.

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HAVE THE AUTO VACUUM for your carpets; satisfaction assured. Phone 4516.

WOOD AND COAL

WESTERN COAL & WOOD CO.—Cordwood, any length; lump coal, $7.50; nut, $6.50. Phone 4768.

Y. W. C. A.

FOR THE BENEFIT of young women in or out of employment. Rooms and board. A home from home. 756 Courtney street.

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER

F. L. HAYNES, high-grade watchmakers and engravers, manufacturing jewelers. We specialize in ring making. Wedding rings made at shortest notice. Best and cheapest house for repairs. All work guaranteed. 1124 Government. j6

WINDOW CLEANING

ISLAND WINDOW CLEANING CO.—Phone 3815. The pioneer window cleaners and janitors. 346 Arnold.

DEEP BAY

"THE CHALET," Deep Bay, now approachable by a newly constructed wagon road; also phone, Sidney line. A fine stay on a fine day, even in winter.

LODGES.

CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS, Court Columbia, 834, meets 4th Monday 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates St. R. W. O. Savage, 101 Moss St. Tel. 1762L.

S. O. E. B. S. JUVENILE YOUNG ENGLAND, meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, A. O. F. Hall, 7 o'clock. Secretary, A. E. Brindley, 1617 Pembroke.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Princess Alexandra, No. 18, meets third Thursday 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates street. L. Palmer, 1117 Esquimalt road, W. P.; A. Catterall, W. Secy., 1416 Linden avenue.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Primrose, No. 32 meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8 p. m. in A. O. F. Hall, Broad street. President, F. M. Wyman, 927 Pembroke St. A. M. James, W. Secy., 710 Discovery St. Visiting members cordially invited.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Alexandra 116 meets first and third Thursdays A. O. F. Hall, Broad street. H. H. Pearce, president, 646 Langford street. Jas. P. Temple, 1053 Burdett avenue, secretary.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Pride of the Island Lodge, No. 131, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in A. O. F. Hall, Broad St. W. A. Carpenter, Maywood P. O. president; secretary, A. E. Brindley, 1617 Pembroke St., city.

K. OF P.—Far West Victoria Lodge, No. 1, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, K. of P. Hall, North Park St. A. G. H. Harding, K. of R. & S. [illegible] Promis Block, 1006 Government St.

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F., meets Wednesdays, 8 p. m., in Odd Fellows Hall, Douglas street. D. Dewar, R. S., [illegible] Oxford street.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8 o'clock in K. of P. Hall, North Park street. Visiting members cordially invited.

A. O. F., COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 5953, meets at Foresters Hall, Broad street, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. F. Fullerton, Secy.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star, meets on 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8 p.m., in the K. of P. Hall, N. Park St. Visiting members cordially invited.

FOR SALE—AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE—1912 5-passenger Studebaker, in good condition, can be tried out, for $175 cash. [illegible] d15

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Furniture of 4 or 5-room house, or less, at once, for cash. S. H. J. Mason, Hillside and Quadra. Phone 3170L.

PRINTING PRESS WANTED, small, hand or power. P. O. Box 132. d15

SECOND-HAND AND JUNK—We buy absolutely everything, clothes, furniture, carpets, stoves, sacks, rags, bottles, etc. British Columbia Second-Hand & Junk Co. Phone 2982 or Phone 2046R. j6

PIANOS BOUGHT for spot cash. Magnet, 650 Fort. d27

WANTED—Mechanical inventions, unlimited demand. Your idea may prove of great value. Get free advice from expert mechanical engineers. We specialize in patents, experimental, and machine shop work. Ewing, Mermod & Co., opposite Russell Station. d21

WANTED—To buy, old copper, brass, zinc, lead, iron, sacks, bottles, furniture, old stoves, old pipes, machinery, any kind carpenter tools; in fact, we buy everything and anything. Phone 1336. Victoria Junk Agency Co., 1316 Wharf street. Phone 5247 for second-hand department, 1406 Store street. Our motto is: A square deal and highest market prices. d27

WANTED—Any quantity chickens or ducks, cash paid at your house. Phone 5019L, or write 615 Elliot street, city.

READ THIS—We pay highest prices for ladies' and gents' cast off clothing. Phone 2907 or call 704 Yates street. d16

IF YOU DON'T DEAL WITH US we both lose money. We buy everything from a needle to an anchor. Alaska Junk Co., Phone 2702, corner Store and Cormorant. j5

SELL YOUR RUBBER TIRES, brass, copper, lead, zinc, sacks, rags, to the Canadian Junk Co., 509 Johnson street. Phone 5095.

HERMAN, 1421 Government, buys for spot cash gents' clothing. We call. Phone 4229. tf

1,000,000 EMPTY SACKS, at any quantity, wanted. D. Louis, 919 Caledonia Ave. Phone 3493.

FOR SALE—ARTICLES.

SOUTHALL, for stoves and ranges, cor. Yates and Quadra. Coils made and connected, exchanges made. Phone 4229R.

ALL BLACK SOIL and manure, delivered. Phone 188.

MALLEABLE and steel ranges, $1 down and $1 per week. Phone 4639. 2001 Government street.

AT MURDOCH'S—We have Sheffield plate, silver, and a choice assortment of china suitable for Christmas presents. Phone 5399.

GET THE BOY A FOOTBALL for Xmas, only $2 and up; also ping pong and other games. At the Victoria Sporting Goods Co., 1010 Broad.

FEATHERS, all kinds, $5, freight paid to Victoria. Geo. Fraser, Ucluelet, B. C. j11

"SELECT" AUCTION ROOMS, 726 Fort, for largest selection of slightly used furniture in Victoria. Look for the right number and the red flag. Phone 2272.

FOR SALE—Launches, rowboats, canoes, new and second-hand; mast, sail and rigging for 36-foot boat, $35. Causeway Boathouse. Phone 3446.

BLACK LOAM for sale. Phone 519. d23

PIANOS, almost new, some splendid bargains. Magnet Auction Rooms, corner Douglas and Fort. d27

DOMINION PATENT JUST ISSUED—Household requisite, wanted everywhere. Home Hydro Co., 1317 Grove street, Oakland, Cal.

FOR SALE—Wrist watches, $4.50; gold filled neck chains, $3.50; lockets, $2.50; shaving sets, $3.50; gold filled bracelets, $7.50; field glasses and case, $5.50; sterling silver cigarette cases, $4.50; solid gold tie pins, $1.25; signet rings, $2.75; Waltham watches, $7.50; gold filled fobs, $2.50; diamond set cuff buttons, $15; solid gold wedding rings, $6; Rogers 26-piece set, $12.50; amethyst brooches, $2.50; ladies' long gold filled chains $7.50; solid gold neck chains, $6.75; solid gold crosses, $6; Gillette safety razors, $2.75; diamond rings, $25; 14 kt. cuff links, $4.50; nickel watches, $1.25, guaranteed one year; gun metal watches, $1.75; 1,000 tie pins, from 75c. up; gold filled crosses, $1.25; Alaska gold rings, $6; travelling clocks, $1.75; novelty purses, 25c. All goods neatly packed for Christmas. Jacob Aaronson, watchmaker and jeweller, 572 Johnson street. Phone 1747.

XMAS PRESENT—Delight a woman with what jewelers cannot imitate or money perhaps buy; 5 large, most exceptionally curious, foreign sea shells, $40. Box 851, Times. d18

FOR SALE—Combination dress, navy and cream, also house dress, size 42, both $4.50. Box 892, Times. d15

FOR SALE—A number of copper pots, all hand made, imported from France, good for jam or soup; sterilizer, good for sterilizing towels in barber shops or in hospitals, and surgical instruments, or for doctor's general use, works by gas or steam, cost $450, now will sell it dirt cheap; 20 eight-gallon milk cans; a quantity of 15x30 lengths extra heavy canvas, good for, tarpaulins, roofing etc., 15c. per lb. Alaska Junk Co., Phone 2702, corner Store and Cormorant Sts. d20

XMAS PRESENT AT BARGAIN—22 red seal Victor records, in good condition, at 40 per cent. of catalogue price. Ballads by McCormick, Sembrich, Butt, Tetrazzini, Gluck, De Gogorza and others. Selections from grand opera by Melba, Caruso, Scotti and Farrar. Prices ranging from 50c. to $1.50. Phone 4058R. d16

FOR HIS XMAS PRESENT—A hat scrip, price $2 and $2.50. New fall overcoats, $13.50 to $17; dark grey chinchilla overcoat, $17. Frost & Frost, Westholme Block, 1413 Government street.

DOMINION PATENT JUST ISSUED—Household requisite, wanted everywhere. Home Hydro Co., 1917 Grove St., Oakland, Cal.

FOOTBALLS, $2.25; boxing gloves, $2.75; Indian clubs, 40c.; roller skates, 90c. and $2.75; grass hockey sticks, $1.25. Other sporting goods as well. Harris & Smith, 1220 Broad street.

DIAMOND SOLITAIRE RING, cost $65, suitable for lady, sacrifice for $30 cash. Box 896, Times. d16

ALL BLACK SOIL and manure. Phone 1864. j6

POOL TABLE for sale, in good condition, must sell, all complete. Box 894, Times. d16

COOK STOVES, RANGES, from $7.50; all classes of furniture. Ferris's Second-hand Store. Always open to buy. 1419 Douglas street. d21

BICYCLES (ladies' or gents'), $35; electric lamps, $2.75; carbide lamps, $2.50; oil lamps, $1. See our light waterproof capes and leggings. Baby carriage tires put on while you wait. Carriage wheels always in stock. Harris & Smith, 1220 Broad street.

"Ye Olde Firme."
TWO BIG
PIANO
BARGAINS!

We make the first payment and the terms to suit.

HEINTZMAN & CO., Special X design, perfectly plain rich mahogany case—a beauty. Lovely tone and responsive action.

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HEINTZMAN & CO., player-piano, the best upright grand player "ye olde firme" makes. Every bit as good as new. It cost $1,050 and it's really worth that now, but we can offer it for $800.

TRANSPOSING PIANO, plays any piece in any key to suit your voice. Yes, it's a Heintzman; $100 less than original price will buy this.

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PIANO
BARGAIN.

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GIDEON HICKS
PIANO COMPANY.

Opposite Post Office. Phone 1241.

PERSONAL.

NOTICE to our Edinboro rock and butterscotch caricature sketch competitors. All sketches must be handed in not later than Wednesday next, and will be exhibited at our stall all day Friday and Saturday at the special Christmas markets. Free candy to all competitors. Hamsterley Farm. d29

IF YOU WANT some ready cash to use, I can buy anything of value; business strictly confidential. Box 849, Times. j12

I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any debts contracted by my wife, Mrs. Pearl Johnson. T. Johnson. d20

EFFICIENCY should be a business watchword. Begin on your car. I am specializing. Arthur Dandridge, Ford specialist, Gordon street, near Weller's. Ph. 479.

MME. ROBERT, a native of France, and a renowned psychic and teacher of occult sciences, will be here this month only. Consultations from 1 to 6. Circles Tuesday and Thursday, 8 p. m. Metropolis Hotel, Yates street, Room 104. j1

MADAME CEERA, psychic medium, can be consulted on all affairs of life at 820 Craigflower road daily from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Spirit messages. Phone 3360. Gorge cars pass door. d25

GATLIN HOME TREATMENT for drink habit can now be procured at reduced prices. Safe and effective treatment taken in privacy of your own home. E. A. Brown, manager. Phone [illegible].

ROOM AND BOARD

TO LET—One double and one single bedroom, well furnished, for gentlemen, suitable for friends; full or partial board; centrally located. Phone 5076L. o15

EXCHANGE.

LIST YOUR PROPERTY with me for exchange. Chas. F. Eagles, 517 Sayward Block. Phone 5118.

EXCHANGE—6¼ acres, Gordon Head, splendid piece of land, trade for house property in Victoria or Vancouver, clear title. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank. d15

EXCHANGE—We have some clear title lots to trade for houses; will assume. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank. d15

EXCHANGE—When you cannot sell, trade, bring your property troubles to us. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank. d15

WANTED—Seven or eight-room, modern house, near High school, in exchange for good suburban lots on paved road, 10 minutes from Marigold station, clear title, taxes paid up; would pay some cash or assume up to $1,500. Box 895, Times. d16

EXCHANGE—Clear title lot and agreement for sale to trade on good residence. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank. d15

EXCHANGE—Six acres, Coquitlam, good land, close in, trade for revenue producing property. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank. d15

VICTORIA residential property, improved and vacant, to exchange for prairie land, Saskatchewan preferred. Phone 4226L.

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Unfurnished.)

FOR RENT—HOUSES AND APARTMENTS, furnished and unfurnished, in all parts of the city. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1012 Broad street, ground floor Pemberton Building. Phone 4632.

FOR RENT—House, 1355 Vining street, six rooms, modern, close to High school, $8 per month. Apply at corner house or Phone 3544R. d16

TO RENT—Furnished or unfurnished, beautifully built and finished stone house, fully modern, and 2½ acres in orchard and poultry yards, nice outbuildings, garage, 2½ miles out, five cent bus hourly. Robt. Grubb, Room 12, Mahon Block. d15

FOR RENT—House, 8 rooms, 402 Quebec street. Apply A. W. Bridgman. d28

UNFURNISHED, 8-room house, modern in every particular, furnace and hardwood floors, near sea and golf links, No. 485 Lampson street, "Rockwood." T. H. Slater, 511 Union Bank Bldg. Phone 4899. d16

TO LET—7 roomed house, 318 Oswego. Apply 1228 Montrose Ave. Phone 3236L. d27

FOR RENT—Fowl Bay waterfront, house, 5 rooms, furnished, hot and cold water, electric light; rent $10. Apply 1785 Beach road. d16

COTTAGE TO RENT at Willows Beach, partly furnished, close to car, $6 month. Apply K Boot Shop, Government St. m7

FOR RENT—Seven-room house, with garage, on Fort street, close in, suitable for doctor's office and residence. Apply Room 202, Pemberton Building. n8 tf

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Furnished.)

FIVE ROOMED, furnished house to rent. Phone 4711R.

TWO ROOMS, modern cottage, near High school. Apply Fernwood Hdw. or Rees Meat Market. d30

SIX-ROOM, furnished house, modern, with furnace, near car, 2140 Empress. Apply T. H. Slater, 511 Union Bank. Phone 4899. d16

HIGH-CLASS FURNISHED HOUSE for rent, finest residential locality, beautifully furnished, oak floors, tiled bathroom, eight rooms, hot water heating, garage, large garden and orchard, tennis lawn, good view. W. T. Williams, care of "Nag" Paint Co., 1302 Wharf St. j11

TO RENT—Five rooms, nicely furnished, near High school, $15, including water; also 2-room suite, nicely furnished, $9, including light and water. Apply Fernwood Hardware or Rees's Meat Market. d30

FOR FURNISHED HOUSES, see Ferguson, 306 Pemberton Block. d29

HOUSE, partly furn'shed; reasonable rent. Phone 3774R. d1

THREE-ROOM COTTAGE, furnished complete, modern, $12.50. 1843 Crescent road. Phone 5183L.

HOUSES TO RENT, furnished and unfurnished. We have a large number of houses to rent, several new ones. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Bldg.

FOR RENT—MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR RENT—Garage, centrally situated; low rent. Phone 828. d14 tf

LEASE—160 acres, Saskatchewan, near town, rail, elevator, 80 acres been cultivated (40 acres wheat reaped), 80 acres cattle land, stream. Box 904, Times. d16

FOR RENT—Small store, close in, plate glass front, $10 per month. W. T. Williams, care of "Nag" Paint Co., 1302 Wharf street. j11

FOR RENT—Store, 0x22, North Park and Quadra. Apply 1721 Quadra St. d24

ONE AND TWO-ROOM OFFICES to let in Times Building. Apply at Times Office.

MISCELLANEOUS

IT HAS been found necessary to hold the Boys' Central Cadet concert, on Dec. 19, in the Old Victoria instead of in the High school auditorium, as previously planned. d16

FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT, see the sewing machine electric motor. 718 Yates. d16

MME. ROBERT, a native of France, and a renowned psychic and teacher of occult sciences, will be here this month only. Consultations from 1 to 6. Circles Tuesday and Thursday, 8 p. m. Spirit messages. Metropolis Hotel, Yates street, Room 104. d22

GRAPHOPHONES sold on weekly or monthly payments. 718 Yates. d16

SANTA CLAUS will provide merry party and Christmas dolls for 25 little girls who would otherwise not have same this year; soldiers' children preferred. Send names, ages and addresses. Box 869, Times. d15

TRAYS—See fine display at 718 Yates. (Made to order if desired). d16

A USEFUL HORSE may be had for the winter months for his keep. F. W. Grant, Mail Order Dept., Spencer's. d15

SEWING MACHINES, fully guaranteed, from $10 up. 718 Yates. d16

C. P. COX, piano tuner. Graduate of School for Blind, Halifax. 159 South Turner street. Phone 1212L. j12

MLLE. BARBARA FAY, from Hemmerstein's London Opera House and Petrograd, receives pupils for classical, Russian and Italian ballet and toe dancing. Children carefully trained. For terms apply Room 34, "St. Helens," Courtney street. Hours 3 to 5 p. m. d16

GARDENING—Gardens made and kept up, lots cleared, lawns made, cellars cemented, tiles laid and cement walks; contract or day work; trees pruned and sprayed. Ng Hop, P. O. Box 865. j7

GRAPHOPHONES—Secure one for Xmas. Payments $1 week. 718 Yates. d18

WANTED—Native Sons of B. C. Any Native Son over the age of 16, out of employment, please communicate with the recording secretary of Post No. 1, P. O. Box 1144, stating place of birth and class of employment sought. d23

DIAMONDS, antiques, old gold bought and sold. Mrs. Aaronson, next Dixi Ross.

BEST PRICES paid for gents' cast-off clothing. Give me a trial. Phone 2007, 1409 Store street.

QUALITY, PRICE AND SERVICE—Those are the basic principles of sound business. In the meat trade it is our sole object to give you the benefit of all three, to which we add a quick delivery. Try us. H. Mackenzie, Dominion Meat Market, Oak Bay Junction. Phone 1558.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

FURNISHED SUITES to rent. Normandie Apts., Cook and Fisgard streets. d25

FIELD APARTMENTS—Cosy, furnished flats for rent. Opposite new Drill Hall. Phone 13850. j14

FURNISHED APARTMENT, all conveniences, steam heat, at Bellevue Court, Oak Bay. Phone 2756.

AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE.

JITNEY CARS—People wishing to hire jitney cars by the hour or for short trips should telephone Jitney Association Garage, number 2681.

DANCING.

DANCING—Miss M. Shearer has commenced her winter session for pupils in Highland dancing. For terms, apply 1487 Myrtle street. d18

DANCING LESSONS—Adults, private, children's class, Saturday afternoons (walk waltz, one-step, fox trot, two two, etc.). Mrs. Boyd, teacher. Studio 510 Campbell Bldg. Phone 2284L. Office hours, 10 to 1 a. m., 5 to 6 p. m. f9

THE B. & V. CLUB hold their social dances in Connaught Hall every second and fourth Wednesday. For invitations apply to R. Vipond. Phone 2462Y.

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Good, smart, messenger boy; references required. Apply W. H. Wilkerson, jeweler. d16

PARTNER WANTED for moving picture business, not much capital required. Apply Box 840, Times. d16

EMPLOYERS OF HELP who may now or in the immediate future require skilled or unskilled labor, either male or female, should send in their names at once to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

MOTHER'S HELP required. Apply 1141 Rockland Ave. d16

WANTED—Woman, for general housework, from 9 till 3. 1052 Clare St. d16

WANTED—Girl experienced at paper box work. Apply Dominion Carton & Printing Works, corner Vancouver and View streets. d15

WANTED—Girl for house work. Apply 426 Parry street. d15

WANTED—Good girl, for general housework. Apply 130 Menzies street. d16

IF YOU HAVE WORK for a few hours, days or weeks, won't you send in your name to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau and let us send you the man or woman to do that work?

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS.

BACHELORS WANTED—One or three large, furnished, housekeeping rooms, central, light, etc., phone, $5 month. 638 Princess avenue. j6

FURNISHED CABINS — Housekeeping rooms, $1, all conveniences. Busy Bee Confectionery, Hillside and Fifth. j4

AT 806 CORMORANT—Nicely furnished housekeeping rooms, with hot and cold water, gas range, bath, phone and laundry, $1.50 up. d25

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—From 1045 Belmont avenue, grey tabby Persian cat. Kindly phone 1616. d15

LOST—Small bunch keys. Finder return to Times Office. Reward. d15

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

WE HAVE A WAITING LIST of skilled and unskilled laborers, clerks, bookkeepers, etc., both men and women, ready and anxious for employment. What do you need done? Municipal Free Labor Bureau.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

MUNICIPAL FREE LABOR BUREAU is prepared to fill any vacancy for male or female, in skilled or unskilled labor at once. Phone or write.

UNFURNISHED ROOMS.

TWO UNFURNISHED ROOMS, in private house, gas plate, five minutes' walk to Parliament Bldgs. Apply at 117 Clarence street. d31

WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES

LADY requires two unfurnished rooms or small cottage, Jubilee Hospital district. Apply Box 905, Times. d16

WANTED—January 1st, for two or three months, small furnished house or apartment. Phone 1054R. d15

WANTED—Well furnished, modern bungalow, neighborhood Fort and Cook streets, for winter or longer. H. A. Dibble, 420 Hibben-Bone Bldg. Phone 3769. d7 tf

FOR SALE—LOTS

LOOK AT THIS SNAP—Lot 60x240, all cultivated, good soil, no rock, level (equal to two full sized lots), only $200, on terms. Dunn Ave. Swinerton & Musgrave, 640 Fort St. d20

FOR SALE—HOUSES

FOR SALE—Seven-room house, modern, half-price, close in. Inquire 234 Vancouver street. d19

ON THE SEA—No. 1472 Dallas road, 4 roomed cottage, sewer, electric light, hot and cold water, $1,200; terms, $200 cash, balance $12 per month, interest at 6 per cent. P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad St. d16

FOR SALE—Motormen, I am offering No. 736 Roderick street, just off Douglas, near car sheds, for $1,250; terms, $150 cash and $12 per month, interest at 6 per cent. P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad St. d16

A GOOD VICTORIA HOME, in finest residential locality, for sale at genuine bargain, as the owner is leaving town; or will exchange for property in Alberta. Box 872, Times Office. d19

ONE-QUARTER ACRE LOTS, 3-mile circle, good soil, cleared, water laid on, close to car line; $300, easy terms. W. T. Williams, care of "Nag" Paint Co., 1302 Wharf street. j11

SEVEN-ROOM BUNGALOW, mile circle, good locality, actual value $4,000, will sell for $2,750, built 1910, taxes $30, easy terms. W. T. Williams, care of "Nag" Paint Co., 1302 Wharf street. j11

NEARLY NEW, 7-ROOM HOUSE in Fairfield, $200 for my equity, $50 down mortgage $2,000. R. Doble, 144 Olive. d15

FOR SALE—ACREAGE

CHEAP ACREAGE AND HOUSE, 6 acres, all cleared, fruit trees, good house and barn, 3 miles from Victoria and close to car line; price $6,000, terms. Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas street. Phone 1466. d16

FOR SALE—4.87 acres, near Elk Lake siding, V. & S. Ry., suitable for fruit farming, partly improved. Apply Box 63, Maywood P. O. d16

FOR SALE—Ten acres grass land, within 4 miles city, $500 per acre; terms, $1,500 cash, balance approved property. Box 6241, Times Office. d18

FIVE-ACRE FARMS at Sooke river, frontage on river and government road, close to C. N. R. station, $100 per acre, easy terms; water laid on. W. T. Williams, care of "Nag" Paint Co., 1302 Wharf street. j11

FOR SALE—1½ acres, 2 miles beyond city limits, black soil, fenced, good well (strata through which well is sunk indicative of oil), picturesque oaks, strip of fine orchard, nice surroundings; as road to property, though fenced, is not graded, will sell at half-price of unimproved land adjoining; good public road 100 yards distant; ungraded road between clear and level. Parties wishing to see property taken by car from city and back free. Apply Box 725, Times Office. d16

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USES OF LATIN.

To the Editor:—I simply come to explain Caesar, not to praise him. The Latin a schoolboy learns lives after him in each of the professions the ordinary university has led to.

Perhaps the most important need today is for the Catholic clergy, who need it for their services and to read the Latin Vulgate. To a lesser extent it is often useful to the Protestant clergy in the study of ancient books and documents. Our doctors use it constantly for their prescriptions and for names of diseases. Lawyers, for the study of Roman law; statesmen for reading our international agreements made before French became the language of diplomacy; and teachers must have it to teach it to others.

If our studies should be only for utilitarian purposes, Latin is not quite dead yet, for the above are about the all and only products of our universities.

W. REÇK.

December 13.

IS IT POSSIBLE?

To the Editor,—The tramway company scoops in the fares, the churches scoop in the collections, boats and trains come and go, some other kinds of business run as usual—all on Sunday. But a young girl is summoned to appear in the police court, among policemen and prisoners, like a common criminal, for violating the Lord's Day Act, by selling a ten-cent tin of cocoa, and the proprietor of the store, a poor man, having a hard struggle to support his family, is robbed of $10 under the name of a fine. Now, Mr. Editor, let us hope that the one or ones responsible for this will be replaced at the coming municipal elections by men having more broad-minded Christianity and less narrow-minded religion. A five or ten-cent cake of chocolate could have been sold in place of cocoa—and make practically the same drink—and nothing would have been said; or the customer could go to the restaurant and drink all the cocoa he wanted. Is it fair?

SUBSCRIBER.

Dec. 14.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

To the Editor:—A deputation of labor men recently interviewed Premier Brewster on behalf of J. H. McVety, who aspires to a seat on the Workmen's Compensation Commission.

On reading this news item in the Daily Province of the 7th inst., my mind reverted to the convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress held in Vancouver in September, 1915, and from that to the Vancouver Island Coal Miners' strike of 1913.

Bowser, the erstwhile attorney general of British Columbia, fresh from the persecution of the coal miners of Nanaimo, appeared on the platform of this convention (very much to its disgrace) and promised the delegates present a workmen's compensation act for British Columbia, and also promised to appoint one of the delegates from this province, whom the convention should nominate, to a traveling commission to obtain data for the framing of the act.

I was also informed by one of the delegates that he informed the convention that Mr. McVety would be acceptable to the government. In plain English, he meant no other would be. If this was not so pitiful it would be laughable. Bowser, the man who boasted that he would break the spirit of the Nanaimo miners, trying to bribe the workers of this province with the Workmen's Compensation Act and government jobs for the McVety gang.

Did Bowser believe that McVety, et al, could hand him the labor vote? If so, how badly informed he must have been. No, gentle William, the man is not alive just now, and never did live, who could hand you the labor vote, because outside of the Socialist party there is no organized labor vote in British Columbia.

The B. C. Federationist, 'a scurrilous sheet' owned by the B. C. Federation of Labor and the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, and commonly referred to by the workers of Vancouver as "McVety's Personal Organ," in the issue of March 10th, 1916, described the Liberals as "lean and hungry pilgrims"; and in the issue of July 21st, 1916, referred to the Hon. M. A. Macdonald as an "unscrupulous shyster lawyer." Now we are treated to the sickening spectacle of a deputation of men composed of officials of these organizations grovelling at the feet of the men whom they characterized through their official organ as "lean and hungry pilgrims" and "shyster lawyers," and pleading for the job that "Friend William" had evidently promised their leader, keeping in mind no doubt the possibility of McVety employing the remainder of the gang in the administration of the act.

Some of the would-be labor leaders of Vancouver have stated that they hope the government would appoint McVety to the compensation commission, as they wish to get him out of the labor movement. Evidently these men believe this would be the easiest and most effective method of disposing of the versatile James, the man whose leadership has wrecked the labor movement of this city and whose management has brought the Labor Temple Co. to a state of bankruptcy.

J. R. EDWARDS.

PERFECT HEALTH IS EVERY WOMAN'S BIRTHRIGHT.

A Prescription That From Girlhood to Old Age Has Been a Blessing to Womankind.

When a girl becomes a woman, when a woman becomes a mother, when a woman passes through middle life, are the three periods of life when health and strength are most needed to withstand the pain and distress often caused by severe organic disturbances.

At these critical times women are best fortified by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, an old remedy of proved worth that keeps the entire womanly system in excellent condition.

Mothers, if your daughters are weak, lack ambition, are troubled with headaches, lassitude and are pale and sickly, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is just what they need to surely bring the bloom of health to their cheeks and make them strong and healthy.

For all ailing women Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is just the right medicine. During the last fifty years it has banished from the lives of tens of thousands of women pain, misery and distress. It makes weak women strong, sick women well.

If you are a sufferer, if your daughter, mother, sister, need help, get Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription in liquid or tablet form from any medicine dealer to-day. Then address Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., and get confidential medical advice entirely free.

Every woman should be careful that the liver is active and the poisons are not allowed to clog the system—get rid of these poisons by taking Dr. Pierce's Pellets, which regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Keep the body clean inside as well as outside!

How to preserve health and beauty is told in Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. It is *free*. Send Doctor Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., fifty cents or stamps to cover wrapping and mailing only.

FARMS WANTED.

WANTED—To hear from owner of good farm for sale. Northwestern Business Agency, Minneapolis, Minn.

FURNISHED ROOMS.

BRUNSWICK HOTEL—50c. night and up; $2 weekly and up; best location, first-class, no bar; few housekeeping rooms. Yates and Douglas.

WANTED—LOANS

WANTED—To borrow, 25c., to buy Hamsterley Farm chocolate creams at Market. Miss I. Wulfemdown, Box No. 10,000. d20

$250 REQUIRED at once for 3 or 4 months, ample security offered, good interest allowed. Box 6273, Times. d16

WANTED—HOUSES

WANTED—Six-room house in James Bay, will pay some cash, assume small mortgage and give 2 clear title lots in Oak Bay. Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas street. Phone 1466. d15

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 15.—5 a. m.—The barometer is falling in advance of unsettled weather from the Pacific. Sharp frosts have occurred on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and southward to California, while snow is reported in Cariboo. Zero temperatures continue in Manitoba and intense cold has spread to the southern states.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and milder, with rain to-night or on Saturday.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled, with rain or sleet, higher temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.23; temperature, maximum yesterday, 39; minimum, 33; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum 30; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy, foggy.

Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; minimum, 16; wind, W.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; minimum, 20; wind, calm; snow, .04; weather, snowing.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 12 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Grand Forks	17	..
Penticton	31	..
Cranbrook	18	..
Nelson	24	..
Prince George	30	..
Calgary	30	24
Edmonton	24	24
Qu'Appelle	16	—12
Winnipeg	[illegible]	—20
Toronto	[illegible]	..
Ottawa	12	..
Montreal	18	..
St. John	18	..
Halifax	24	..

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday:

Temperature.

Highest	39
Lowest	34
Average	3[illegible]
Minimum on grass	2[illegible]
Maximum in sun	[illegible]

Bright sunshine, 6 hours 48 minutes.

General state of weather, clear.

Prilep, the next goal of the Serbs after Monastir, was described by Mr. Hulme Beaman, who visited it in 1889, as "the great distributor of civilization to the peasantry in all the north of the vilayet." The centre of its market is an octagonal clock-tower 100 feet high, round which cluster the fruit and vegetable sellers, and bazaars radiate off in all directions. The traders, Mr. Beaman found, were mainly Jews, Wallacks, and Bulgarians, and, besides Manchester and native cloths of every color and texture, the favorite wares were nails, bullets, horseshoes, and wine. Many of the shops bore the insurance plate of an English office.—London Chronicle.

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FOR MOTHER OR SISTER

A card index or loose-leaf recipe outfit that makes quick location of recipes easy. A gift, the value of which over the old bound recipe book, every woman will appreciate. In white enamel boxes or covers. Up from **$1.50**

See these in our windows.

The Stationery and Gift Shop

617—View St.—619 Central Building Opposite.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

34, 48, 52, 94, 157, 173, 211, 227, 265, 291, 355, 390, 498, 514, 561, 610, 625, 651, 662, 686, 771, 779, 812, 840, 848, 849, 869, 872, 6241.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONISMS—"Many a man thinks he is conservative when he is merely dead slow." Diggon Printing Co., 706 Yates street. Beautiful boxes of stationery make suitable gifts. See our window. d15

THE UMBRELLA SHOP has removed to 1411 Douglas. Covering and repairs. Waites & Knapton. Phone 2439.

CANDY AND HOLLY BOXES, 10, 15 and 20 cents each. T. N. Hibben & Co.

WHY GO HOME TO EAT when you can get a nice, tasty lunch of four courses at the Vernon Cafe for 25c? Try it once and you will keep on trying it. Tables for ladies.

FOR SALE—Good dry cordwood, 12 and 16 in. blocks, delivered, $5.50. D. Lewis 4607R. j4

OPEN EVERY EVENING. T. N. Hibben & Co.

RHYMES OF A RED CROSS MAN, by Service. T. N. Hibben & Co.

A LIMITED NUMBER of copies of Recollections of Sixty Years in Canada, by Sir Charles Tupper, at special reduced price of $2.50, published at $4. T. N. Hibben & Co.

FOUND—A good place to get inexpensive Christmas gifts for man or boy. Apply McCandless Bros., clothiers, 557 Johnson St.

FOR SALE—Irish frieze overcoat, good as new, size 38 chest. Apply 1120 Broad street. d15

WANTED—100 boys and their mothers, to let us help them settle that new suit question. We can satisfy the boy's taste and the mother's purse. McCandless Bros., clothiers, 557 Johnson St.

WANTED—Good home for thoroughbred wire-haired terrier (bitch), house broke; reason, owner leaving city. Apply Box 923, Times. d15

TO LET—Nicely furnished, 4 roomed flat, basement and gas, close in, $18 per month. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort St. d18

WANTED—A safe, must be cheap for cash. Box 6284, Times. d18

WANTED—Twenty-five or thirty ladies and gentlemen to join the "Sunset Films," to rehearse parts and assist in the taking of moving pictures in Victoria and on Vancouver Island. Good wages paid to those who can qualify for the part they are to fill. Apply at any time from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. (These days only). 524-525 Sayward Bldg., Victoria, B. C. d18

CITY MART, 736 Fort. Special Xmas sale of high-class, slightly used furniture, carpets, etc., at reduced prices. Phone 1433. Household goods bought and exchanged. d15

DANCING CLASS FOR ADULTS every Thursday evening 8 to 9.30, social dancing to 11.30, at Connaught Hall. Mrs. Boyd, teacher. Phone 2284L. j16

FOR SALE—Fine piano, cheap, $8 monthly, or will rent. 1817 Quadra. d21

WORK WANTED for good heavy team and teamster. Phone 2785Y. d15

FAIRALL'S, LTD., are noted for their really high-class ginger ale. Always ask for Fairall's. Phone 212.

FOUND—Airedale dog. Apply 2923 Graham street. d18

FOR SALE—Cheap, vibrator, nearly new. Phone 1193. d18

DOG, thoroughbred Dalmatian, splendid watch dog, for sale or exchange anything useful. Box 6271, Times. d15

BOARD AND ROOM—Private English family offers board and room for one, two or three, private sitting room, house close in, no other boarders. Box 6276, Times. d15

WANTED—For cash, 4 or 5 roomed cottage. Forward particulars Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., 711 Fort St. Phone 2040. d15

TO LET—Seven-room house, near Bay and Grahame. Phone 5561L. d18

NEW, three roomed cottage to rent, furnished. Apply morning or evening 980 Redfern avenue. d19

LOST—Lady's gold curb chain bracelet with lock attached, probably lost near Times Office. Reward. Balmoral Hotel, city. d18

PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMITTEE, Room 5, Winch Building, wants loan of two full sized kitchen tables and six chairs for two weeks. Apply above address. d16

DO NOT FORGET the youngsters at Christmas. We have bicycles to fit all ages from 7 to 70. Also go-cycles or speeders, $1.75; roller skates, 90c, and $2.75; with many other Christmas suggestions. Pilmley's Cycle Shop, 611 View street. d15

FOUND—Article of jewelry. Apply R. S. Day, 620 Fort street. d15

WANTED—A mandolin, cheap, or would give course of piano lessons as payment. Box 929, Times. d18

COOK, experienced, wants situation. Apply Box 930, Times. d18

20-INCH LADY'S BICYCLE, coaster brake, good condition, $18. Ruffle, 746 Yates street. Phone 862. d15

WANTED—To rent, 6 or 7 rooms, furnished, Fairfield or James Bay; not over $20 monthly; good tenants. Pemberton & Son. d18

FOR SALE—Ladies' and gents' suits and overcoats, slightly worn, cheap. Clarence Cleaners, 704 Yates street. d18

THOUGHTFUL GIFT OF DOUKHOBOR WOMEN

Carload of Home-Made Jam for Use of Soldiers in Hospitals

While they are opposed to war and have not given any members of their community to the country, as so many mothers have done, the women of the Doukhobor colonies in British Columbia have a feeling of compassion for the men who come home wounded, and to whom the little delicacies of the table mean a lot.

Through William Blakemore, of this city, the Doukhobor women of British Columbia to-day offered to Premier Brewster the gift of a carload of jam, made by the community from fruit grown by them in their own orchards and gardens. The gift is for the convalescent and sick soldiers in the hospitals in the province.

It is suggested that if 24,000 pounds of jam is more than enough for the use of the men in hospitals within the province it might be made use of elsewhere in Canada or overseas, which would be quite agreeable to the donors.

Premier Brewster will convey the thanks of the province and the soldiers to the women whose kindness of heart has prompted this generous gift. He will also arrange through the proper channels for the distribution of the jam in such manner that the wishes of the donors for its full usefulness shall be fulfilled.

FUND OVER-SUBSCRIBED

Soldiers' Children's Pantomime Matinee Bookings Now in Charge of P. S. A. Department.

The following is the text of a letter which the superfluities' committee sent yesterday to Mrs. R. S. Day, president of the Patriotic Services Aid department of the I. O. D. E., who is taking charge of the organization of the Saturday matinee of "Puss in Boots" being given in Christmas week for the soldiers' children in Victoria:

"You will be pleased to hear that our appeal to the public for a sum of money to purchase tickets to enable children of our soldiers to attend the pantomime, and also to have a few candies and other Christmas cheer while they are seeing the pantomime has resulted in a sum of $646.95 being subscribed. As some of the subscribers thought the fund was open also for the benefit of our sailors, we have allocated $50 from the sum subscribed to the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., having been told by the regent that this sum would be sufficient to augment the sum they have in hand to enable all the sailors' children to attend the pantomime on Thursday afternoon. This will leave a balance of $106.95, cheque for which amount I hand herewith, with the request that you expend that sum on the children attending the pantomime.

"As you will notice through the press we closed the fund almost as soon as it was opened, as our only object was to obtain sufficient money that could be fairly applied to the purchase of tickets.

"I am asked on behalf of my committee to thank you for taking over the organization of the Saturday matinee, and we are quite satisfied that it could not have been in more capable hands. We shall be only too pleased to give you any further assistance that lies in our power."

Mrs. Day is opening an office in the Winch building for the work entailed in connection with the sale of tickets for this special soldiers' children's matinee.

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NICE XMAS GIFT for little girl, 18-inch bicycle, new wheels, coaster brake, tires, etc., $25. Ruffle, cycle man, 746 Yates street. d15

WORK WANTED by man, middle-aged, abstainer. Box 928, Times. d18

DIED

PHILLIPS—On the 14th inst., at 504 Beach Drive, William Henry Phillips, aged 79 years, a native of England and a resident of Victoria for the past 3½ years. The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. F. W. G. Blyth, of 504 Beach Drive. The late Mr. Phillips was for over 40 years sub-editor of The Bristol Times and Mirror, Bristol, England.

The funeral has been arranged to take place from the Thomson Funeral Chapel, 827 Pandora avenue, on Saturday, December 16, at 2.30, Rev. Mr. Chadwick, of St. John's church, officiating. Interment at Ross Bay cemetery. No flowers, by request.

BY-ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD TO-MORROW

There Will Be No Opposition to the Re-election of Hon. H. C. Brewster

A by-election will be held in the city of Victoria to-morrow, to fill the vacancy in its representation made by the acceptance by Hon. H. C. Brewster, first member for the constituency in the fourteenth legislature, of an office of emolument under the crown.

Premier Brewster is the only candidate in the field, and his re-election by acclamation has always been a foregone conclusion.

E. J. Bawden will attend at the provincial police office in the court house from noon to 1 o'clock to-morrow, and at 1 o'clock, if there is no other candidate, will declare the premier elected.

By-elections are also being held to-morrow in Vancouver, for Hon. M. A. Macdonald, K.C., and Hon. Ralph Smith; in Cranbrook, for Hon. Dr. King; in Greenwood, for Hon. Dr. MacLean; in Nanaimo, for Hon. William Sloan; and in Dewdney, for Hon. John Oliver.

Should there be any poll demanded by the development of opposition it will be held on Thursday next.

There will be no opposition to the re-election of the ministers anywhere but in Vancouver, and there the action of D. E. McTaggart is being very generally condemned by the public, even by those who voted against the Liberal party at the general election.

The by-election in Prince Rupert, Hon. T. D. Pattullo's seat, will be held a week hence, on December 23, with polling a week later, if need be. There also, however, the minister will be returned by acclamation, according to the advices received to-day.

LIEUT. WILBY LEADS ATTACK ON TRENCH

Victoria Officer With Ottawa Battalion Complimented by Commander

According to word received from France Lieut. Wilby, of this city, recently took charge of a night raid on the enemy's trenches, which was carried out so skilfully that the Victoria officer was specially complimented by the commander of the brigade to which he is attached. Three raids were initiated by the Canadians, who have become expert in conducting them. Apparently the Germans have paid them the compliment of imitation, for Berlin communications occasionally report raids across the allies' lines.

Lieut. Wilby is serving in the 38th Battalion, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Edwards, of Ottawa, and composed largely of men from the capital. When war broke out he was completing his college course at Queen's University, Kingston, but with the call to arms returned to Victoria where, as a member of the Corps of Guides, with which he had been connected for some time, he reported at barracks. Subsequently he returned to Queen's, completed his course, and then joined the 38th Battalion, obtaining a lieutenant's commission. After training in Canada, the battalion was sent to Bermuda, where it remained nine months. It went to France last August. It took part in the fierce fighting for Desire Trench at the Somme on November 18, in which it suffered severely as the casualty list at the time showed.

Lieut. Wilby was formerly principal of the Esquimalt school and assistant principal of the Boys' Central school. He was deeply interested in the cadet movement, and for some years was cadet instructor.

Mrs. Maurice Quain, of Vancouver, is spending the holidays with her mother on Rudlin street. She will sing next Sunday evening at Dr. Cameron's church.

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Local Improvement Action.—On application of F. A. McDiarmid in county court chambers this morning Judge Lampman set Thursday of next week, the 21st inst as the date for hearing the appeal against the Hillside Avenue widening assessment. The district covered is that from Cedar Hill road to the city limits, the assessment of which has been confirmed by a court of revision. Mr. McDiarmid is appearing against the city in this case.

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Camosun Chapter Meeting. — The regular monthly meeting of the Camosun chapter, I. O. D. E., was held on Wednesday afternoon in the rooms on Fort street, Mrs. Andrew Wright, the regent, presiding, and fourteen members being present. The treasurer reported that the chapter had been very successful at the recent doll show at Government House, the sum of $210 being realized. With this sum the balance to the credit of the chapter account was $358. Two new members were presented and enrolled, and one new member elected. The Field Comforts committee reported that they had received during the last two weeks 62 pairs of socks, two pairs mittens, and one sweater. A vote of thanks was moved to Mrs. Love for her untiring efforts in connection with the doll show, and also to Mrs. Henry Croft for the very handsome decorations presented by her to the Camosun stall. A small donation of baby clothes was presented during the month to the maternity committee of the patriotic service, it was reported.

LOCAL NEWS

The Home of the Loose-Leaf Binder and forms for same. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., 1012 Langley St. •

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If You Require a Reliable Watch for Xmas at an extremely low price, go to Haynes, Victoria's Watchman, 1124 Government St. •

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Send Your Soldier a Photo for Xmas. It is the only thing he cannot buy for himself. Specially priced Sepia portraits at the Skene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates St. •

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Special Rates for Winter Months.—The Prince George Hotel offers special winter rates of $8 per month to a limited number of guests. This rate includes all the privileges of this fine hostelry, use of bath, 'phone, reading, writing and music room, etc. Elevator service to all floors at all hours of night and day. Steam heat, hot and cold water in every room. Apply Prince George hotel, corner Douglas and Pandora. •

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A Wholesome Food.—Candy is a concentrated healthful food. It is essential to our well-being. It is good for both you and the children, a person who wilfully never eats candy is only half living. Everybody likes candy and good candy is a healthy, wholesome food—one that in more senses than one sweetens life and adds to its pleasure and enjoyment. Our candies are pure, we do not carry a single candy substitute. As far as possible they are manufacturer on the same day that they are offered to the public, so that they may receive them in a fresh condition. Special for Christmas week, K Mixture, the finest mixture on the market and only 20c. per lb. Sugar fancies—pigs, elephants, bears, etc. Christmas novelties and a large assortment of chocolate boxes now on show. Wiper's candies are the same price and quality as before the war. 14 gold and silver medals awarded for excellence and purity. Wiper & Co., 1210 Douglas St., and 607 YYates street. •

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Christmas Vacation.—The Christmas vacation in the courts will commence on the 24th inst., and last for one week. During that time Mr. Justice Gregory will hold one sitting in chambers on Tuesday of Christmas week at 10.30 o'clock.

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Public Market.—It is announced that the public market will be open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of next week for the sale of produce suitable for the Christmas season. The stallholders are making special efforts to provide for the big business which they expect to do during those three days.

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Oak Bay Red Cross.—The Oak Bay Red Cross sub-committee yesterday afternoon held a very successful comfort shower, a quantity of the materials being received from the many visitors who were present. Mrs. Bullock-Webster, chairman of the ladies' committee, welcomed the ladies as they arrived, Mrs. Wollaston having charge of the donation table. Mrs. Floyd, assisted by Mesdames Umbach and Curtis and Miss Raper and some of the High school girls, served tea. The event was a very successful one from every standpoint, very liberal gifts being received, and a large number of the ladies of the district being present.

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Ping Pong Club.—The Oak Bay Red Cross Society has opened, for the benefit of their funds, a Ping Pong Club, rooms having been taken in a vacant store at the end of the Oak Bay car line. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2.30 to 5.30 p. m. and from 7.30 until 10.30 p. m. players are admitted, and in order to make the clubrooms the more popular the committee is making arrangements for the serving at a moderate charge of tea and some light form of refreshment. The membership fee has been fixed at the very reasonable charge of $1.00 for the year. Mrs. Curtis, phone 3525, or Mrs. N. Burdick, phone 5216, will give any further information that may be required.

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Superfluities Closing.—The Superfluities' room, Belmont block, is being closed for the sale of articles for two weeks, commencing to-morrow. The rooms will remain open as a booking-office for "Puss in Boots," however, in order that the arrangements for the pantomime ticket-sale may not be disturbed. Tickets are selling splendidly, and it is the hope of the committee of management that the house will be completely sold out for the six performances that are to be given, viz., Monday (Christmas day), Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights, and Thursday afternoon of Christmas week. The rehearsals are progressing steadily, and the magnificent creation, which will have been the first Christmas pantomime ever seen in the city, is assuming homogeneity and completeness.

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Pays Special Visit.—Father Christmas paid a little advance visit to Miss Wynne's special class at the Central school this week, leaving a very welcome bundle of toys as a reminder of his call. It is perhaps just a suggestion to other folk of what the small people at the school might find very useful, as there are times when the boys and girls alike get a little fatigued even with the usually pleasant lessons at the work-bench and modeling tables. Among the gifts which were in the parcel this week were some fine model trucks, fitted with steering-apparatus; a railway engine and some freight cars which will make good patterns for the boys to copy at the work-bench; and other solid mechanical appliances which will stand the test of much examination and a good deal of hard usage, the engine, for instance, being about 30 inches in length. Probably some self-styled Santa Claus may supplement this contribution before the holidays are over, so that each of the pupils of the special class may have a practical plaything for the leisure hour.

COMMODITY PRICES ARE FLUCTUATING

Flour Takes Considerable Drop; Coal Retailing at Advance

The last few days have seen several marked changes in retail market prices. Since the fact has been known that Grmany is desirous of making peace, and to that end has addressed notes to the allied nations through the neutral countries, there have been many alterations.

Flour has taken a drop of 10c. a sack or 40c. a barrel, a marked decline. The present price is $9.80 a barrel. This is $1 below what it was when at its highest mark several weeks ago. Everything now points to a reduction which might bring the cost down to that of two months ago, when it was bought at $7.80 a barrel.

No changes, however, can be looked for in the price of bread as yet, owing to the fact that when flour was last raised, the local bakers made no alteration in the rate per ounce of their bread, while in Vancouver the cost is 10c. for a 20-ounce loaf, which is 2 ounces less than is put out by the Victoria bakers at the same price.

Contrary to the movement of flour prices, the cost of coal has increased. The local dealers have raised lump coal 25c. from $7.25 to $7.50 a ton, due to a like advance at the mines. This makes the second advance in the price of coal during the present year. While the heavy weather was at its worst last February the price of all grades was raised 25c. because of the added expense of delivering. This extra delivery charge has never been removed.

Only the lump coal has been affected by this latest raise; an advance of 25c. having been made a month ago on the nut, which now is selling at $6.50.

MUST REACH OUT FOR ISLAND BUSINESS

Alberni Mining Man Gives Some Sound Advice to Victorians

J. F. Bledsoe, the well known Alberni journalist and mining man, is spending a few days in the city. His two sons who were associated with him in the publication of the Alberni Pioneer, being at the front, he has closed up the paper and is now directing his attention solely to mining. Mr. Bledsoe, who has traveled extensively over the province and is a strong believer in the future of its mining industry, is doubly impressed with the outlook on Vancouver Island, especially in respect of its iron resources, which he believes will be the foundation of an important industry before very long.

He advises Victoria to awaken to the possibilities of the Island in regard to mining activity, because the future of the city is inseparably bound up in their development. The benefits to be derived from the opening-up of the Island's mineral resources, he points out, will not come to Victoria as a "tribute from fate." They must be striven for. Connection between the city and the points of distribution up the Island should be established even though they may not be immediately profitable. The profits will come later, when the various districts are brought within the city's sphere of business influence. If this is not done the business will gravitate to Vancouver and along that same route will go the greater part of the advantages accruing from the development of the Island's mineral resources.

Mr. Bledsoe is confident the government can do a great deal to stimulate the mining industry of the country with a moderate outlay. It can help the prospector, who he contends is as much entitled to assistance as the settler, and in aiding the prospector the government would be taking a long stride towards the opening up of the country. By infusing into the department of mines initiative and enthusiasm it can make that branch of the public service an important factor in the development of the mining industry.

Tax on Theatre Tickets.—The Canadian Red Cross Society having suggested to the city council the desirability of securing powers to place a tax on theatre tickets for the funds of the society, already protests are beginning to come in on the ground that the theatres would raise the price of admission, if such a tax was imposed.

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Y. M. C. A. Events.—The Y. M. C. A. boy's gymnaseum classes will hold a Christmas exhibition and "stunt night" in the Y. M. C. A. building to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. The entertainment is free and open to the public. Parents are specially invited to be present.

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Gone to the Mainland.—Hon. John Oliver went over to the mainland last night. To-day he speaks at Port Coquitlam, it is understood, and this afternoon at a public meeting in New Westminster in connection with the seed fair being held there yesterday and to-day. W. T. McDonald, livestock commissioner, also went over for the purpose of speaking at the fair. Professor L. Stevenson, director of the Sidney experimental farm, and Dean Klinck, of the faculty of agriculture of the University of British Columbia, are also billed to speak at this meeting.

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OBITUARY RECORD

News has been received here of the death at 10 o'clock on the morning of November 25 of John Archibald Douglas, a pioneer resident of Pictou Co., N. S., who has relatives in Victoria. He was born at West St. Peters, P. E. Island, 85 years ago, an belongs to an old Scottish and English family of empire loyalist descent. His grandfather and two brothers were early settlers and proprietors of the Island. The late Dr. Albert Douglas, former Speaker of the Liberal administration of Prince Edward Island, was a nephew. He was an uncle of Mr. R. W. Roper, of 812 Fort street.

The death occurred yesterday morning at 504 Beach Drive, of Wm. Henry Phillips, a native of England, but for the last three years resident in this city. The deceased gentleman was 79 years of age. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Blyth, with whom he was living at the time of his death. For 40 years, prior to coming out to this country, Mr. Phillips had been sub-editor of the Bristol Times and Mirror. The remains are at the Thomson funeral chapel, and the funeral will be held from there on Saturday at 2.30. Interment to be at Ross Bay cemetery.

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Personal

Mr. James Wood, of the Wood Motor Co., has returned from a trip East where he has been disposing of some interests in Ontario. This he has successfully done and will now reside permanently in Victoria.

Dr. Matthews, of Seattle preaches

To-night

at First Presbyterian church. Service preparatory to communion.

Subject: **"THE NECESSITY OF CHRIST'S COMING."**

Conference for workers in church hall at 4.30.

FUTURE OF FOREIGN MERCHANTS DOUBTFUL

Visitor Here Expects Trouble in Extra-Territorial Concessions of China

That Tsing Tau has become a Japanese town, and the province of Shantung adjoining is as thoroughly in the Japanese control as it was formerly in that of Germany is the statement of a young British business man, T. A. Fairchild, of Tientsin, China, who left here to-day on the Empress of Japan for home.

Mr. Fairchild has been on a business trip to New York. Having goods in the warehouses at the former German colonial port in China, he was naturally interested in the transfer to the Japanese of the port, and within two weeks of the surrender says the place was completely dominated by the people of the island empire.

When he left China recently Shantung had passed out of the sphere of commercial influence for non-Japanese merchants, and to a less extent surrounding districts were equally affected. "Those who think that the Japanese will be content with the present restricted limits will be mistaken, and the race for trade dominance in China would arouse the world's attention if it was not focussed elsewhere. The drama of economic struggle is being staged there. Everyone in China thinks that it will pass from the commercial to the diplomatic stage before many years have passed.

"Political upheavals in China in the past five years are having a serious effect on the status of the foreign concessions in the Chinese ports. Some of the concessions have the right of selling land to Chinese, and in those areas the wealthy natives are buying realty. They get a protection which is impossible in the surrounding native cities, and pass under the aegis of the consular service. Thus if trouble happens, we shall not know whom we can trust. Such a condition as prevailed in Peking during the Boxer trouble may occur again, and it will be hard to know upon whom we can safely admit to the compounds. Sooner or later the world will receive a start when some occurrence breaks out affecting the safety of the European residents."

Mr. Fairchild finds a great deal of interest in the eastern states in Oriental affairs, which will lead to a development of trade across the Pacific. The Americans are striving energetically to increase their business connections, particularly in China.

RESCUED FROM SEA

Extract From Letter Shows That Former Manual Training Instructor Had Exciting Plunge.

An interesting letter has been received from George M. Breadner, formerly a manual training instructor under the Victoria school board, and now with R. N. seaplane station.

He expects to be in his present quarters for the winter, engaged in regular patrol work. He received a letter from the board the morning after he had been rescued by a light cruiser from the floating wreck of his machine. In this connection he says: "It is the second time my engine has let me down. I had flown from the ship's deck at sea, and was returning. All would have been well, but the sea was too heavy for landing such a light machine, and I was overturned, and thrown clear. The cold water revived me, and I was picked up some time later from the cruiser. With usual naval hospitality I was entertained till the wreckage was salved.

"The work here is quite interesting on the whole, and up to the present I have enjoyed life immensely in my new sphere."

Case Remanded.—The case against the Occidental hotel, for an alleged breach of the liquor regulations, was called in police court to-day, and remanded till Monday for trial.

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Dogs Poisoned.—Complaints continue to be received at the police station of dogs being poisoned in the city. Two or three valuable animals have destroyed the hope of living to a ripe old age by tasting tempting morsels of meat wherein lurked the deadly venom during the last few days, and have prematurely gone the way of all flesh.

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Labor and National Service.—Members of the B. C. Federation of Labor executive met Sir Robert Borden today in Vancouver to discuss the powers of the National Service Board as to the enforcement of industrial conscription, to learn if workmen would be compelled to move to other parts of the Dominion where their services might be desired by the government. On account of short notice the Victoria representatives on the executive were unable to attend.

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Interviewed Inspector.—While here yesterday afternoon Alderman J. B. Jardine, of New Westminster, took up with Robert Baird, the inspector of municipalities, the paving trouble which is bothering that city in common with Victoria and other places, which went ahead faster than prudence would have dictated in boom times. New Westminster finds it necessary to evolve some scheme for the relief of owners on paved streets, where the assessments are greater than they can meet, and if it is possible a plebiscite will be taken on the matter at the January elections. If the present law does not permit of this an amendment will be asked for at the coming session in order that the people may express their views on the alternative schemes that are to be placed before them.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN ARRIVES ON COAST

Policy Depends on Success of National Service Board's Proposals

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Sir Robert Borden reached Vancouver at noon to-day. Accompanied by R. B. Bennett, he is completing his tour from Atlantic to Pacific in the interests of the national service council. At New Westminster, as well as on his arrival here, he was met by many prominent people, among them several personal friends. To-night he will address a meeting in Wesley church, and an overflow gathering in the Hotel Vancouver.

"If the proposals of the national service council do not meet with the success which we anticipate," said Premier Borden, "then some other policy may have to be outlined and operated. But, of course, on matters of policy I am not in a position to make an announcement. That would have to be done in the House of Commons."

The question had been put to Sir Robert by a representative of the press as to whether it would be necessary to introduce some form of compulsory service both in the army and in the munitions factories of the country in the event of the voluntary system proving to be a failure. Sir Robert made it clear that he was not out on a distinctly recruiting expedition. He said that he and Mr. Bennett, who was accompanying him, were making a trip through the Dominion for the purpose of presenting the proposals of the board of national service before the people of Canada. In a short time the cards which had been prepared would be distributed all over the country, and on the result of that canvass would depend, the premier hinted, whether the government would be prepared to bring forward a system that would meet the present demands so far as troops and workers for the munitions were concerned. Beyond that point Sir Robert was not prepared to go, though he was pressed to say whether he considered the half million men that had been guaranteed by the Dominion government to the imperial authorities would be sufficient, or whether it would be necessary to make a further call on the manhood of Canada after the half million had been obtained.

FEELING AROUSED

Taxation of Mount Douglas Park Forms Subject of Sharp Divergence of Opinion.

The feeling between the city and Saanich which is always smouldering, the embers being fanned occasionally by a cheerful exchange of personalities, appears likely to be aroused again by the announcement, which was made in the Times on Wednesday, that the courts will be asked to adjudicate on a stated case with regard to the taxation of Mount Douglas park.

Both sides are feeling bitter, because each is absolutely sure of being in the right. On the part of the city, it is urged that the district municipality has no right to tax a trust property, that it is impertinent to attempt to collect on public lands which are used equally by residents of both districts, and that the Saanich council has effrontery in imposing a charge when the municipality has used gravel from the park pit to grade its roads. It is pointed out that the eleventh hour objection to pass the exemption resolution because the city is not contributing to the upkeep of beaches in the municipality has no weight, because only recently has that principle been admitted as a sound one.

On the part of Saanich the argument is used that the object is merely a friendly action to determine whether the land ought to be assessed, that the municipality has spent a large sum of money in giving a graded, and paved road to the park which never existed before, that the city has held the park for years with scarcely any improvements, whereas it could by fencing be made into a game reserve, that the municipality has to maintain a considerable length of road through the park reserve, and that by an action alone can the status of the trust deed be determined.

Reeve McGregor pointed out that the municipality has spent large sums in paving roads to give access to the Gorge and Mt. Douglas parks, and in other ways had been put to expense. Officials of the city had the audacity to ask the district council to break its own by-law by giving a rebate after the period set for the taxes on the Gorge park, which have recently been paid under protest.

Chinese Case Continues.—The prosecution continued to-day to present evidence for its case in the Chinese riot charges. It was stated that probably the case for the prosecution would conclude to-day.

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Riots Claims Commission.—Mr. Justice Gregory this morning continued the hearing of evidence sitting as commissioner to investigate the claims in connection with the strike riots at the Island mines, over two years ago. Harold Robertson is acting on behalf of the Canadian Collieries and H. W. Herchmer for the government.

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Is Allowed Bail—Geo. Drieszcus, who was recently convicted of inducing men to desert from His Majesty's forces and also with destroying equipment, was this morning granted bail on the first charge of $2,000 in his own surety and of $1,000 each in two other sureties. On the second charge $200 bail was required in his own surety and $100 each in two others. Up to the time of going to press he had not secured satisfactory sureties. He will come up for election and possibly for trial on Friday morning before Judge Lampman.

ADMIT FRENCH ARE GAINING GROUND

Berlin Reports on Fighting on the Meuse in Verdun Region

ENGAGEMENT HAS NOT BEEN CONCLUDED

Berlin, Dec. 15.—On the Verdun front yesterday the French made three attempts to recapture trenches taken recently by the Germans on Hill 304, the war office announced to-day. East of the Meuse the French launched repeated attacks, advancing in waves. The assaults were repulsed.

The war office's supplementary statement issued to-night says the French attacks delivered to-day on the east bank of the Meuse in the Verdun region resulted in a gain of ground for the enemy towards Louvemont and Hardaumont. The engagement has not yet been concluded.

A statement issued to-day says: "The Russo-Roumanian army in Dobrudja, influenced by the retirement in Wallachia, has now begun a retreat, pursued by the Teutonic forces.

ALLIES DEMANDED REMOVAL OF TROOPS

Greece Given Twenty-Four Hours in Which to Comply With Note

Paris, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to the Havas News Agency from its correspondent at Piraeus, dated yesterday, says: "The note of the allied powers to the Greek government was handed this afternoon to Foreign Minister Zalacostas.

"The document says the recent events in Athens prove that neither King Constantine nor the Greek government has sufficient authority over the Greek army to prevent its becoming a menace to the peace and security of the allied armies in Macedonia. The allies are therefore obliged, it continues, in order to protect themselves against attack, to demand immediate removal of the troops and war material indicated in an annexed list. These removals must begin within 24 hours and all movements of troops and war materials toward the north must be stopped, it declares.

"If the government disregards the note, it was informed, its attitude will be considered a hostile act.

"The signatories of the note, it says, have received orders to quit Greece in 24 hours with the personnel of the legations if the terms of the note are not formally accepted. The blockade will be maintained, it is declared, until adequate guarantees for the future have been given."

SWITZERLAND TO REMAIN STRICTLY NEUTRAL

Paris, Dec. 15.—Edmund Schulthess, the new president of Switzerland, affirms the intention of his country to maintain strict neutrality in an interview with the Berne correspondent of the Petit Journal.

"The policy of Switzerland," President Schulthess asserts, "dictated by our traditions, our desires, even by our vital interests, is and will remain that of loyal and strict neutrality toward all the belligerents, a neutrality sustained by an immovable resolution to defend our integrity and independence against all comers. Any assertion to the contrary is quite without foundation."

PASSES ALL STAGES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Dec. 15.—The war credit for £400,000,000, introduced in the House of Commons yesterday by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, passed through all its stages this afternoon.

MESSAGE FROM THE VATICAN.

London, Dec. 15.—A Zurich dispatch to the Tageblatt, of Berlin, as forwarded from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph, says that in response to the peace note of the central powers to the vatican the pope in a few days will issue a Christmas proclamation to all the belligerents.

COALITION CABINET.

Paris, Dec. 15.—According to Lisbon newspapers the formation of a Portuguese coalition cabinet is again being considered. The present government in Portugal, which has been in existence since March of the present year, is headed by Premier Antonio Almeida, leader of the Conservative party.

KELLY HAS PRIVATE SUITE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—It is announced on good authority, an official from inside the institution, that Thos. Kelly is occupying a suite of rooms in Stoney Mountain penitentiary reserved for the Dominion inspector when he visits the place, and that the former Winnipeg contractor is undergoing no hardships.

BRITISH TROOPS TAKE OFFENSIVE IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Dec. 15. — British troops in Mesopotamia have taken the offensive successfully at Sannayat, on the river Tigris, a short distance above Felahie and near Kut-el-Amara.

WHEAT TUMBLES ON CHICAGO MARKET

May Prices Show Decline of Forty-Five Cents a Bushel in Month

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Wheat crashed down in value to-day on account of peace reports. First sales showed a fall in some cases of 8⅝ cents a bushel, May wheat touching $1.58 as against $1.66¼ to $1.66⅝ at yesterday's finish. Prices varied as much as 5 cents at the same instant in different parts of the pit. The opening range for May, the chief trading option, spread all the way from $1.58 to $1.63. Waves of selling accompanied the exciting break in values.

Besides the German embassy statement referring to a limitation of armament, the smash in wheat prices was due largely to yesterday's and this morning's breaks in the New York stock market. Yesterday's big decline in New York came too late to have too much influence here until to-day.

The decline at the outset this morning in wheat carried prices down about 18 cents a bushel since the first peace offer came from Berlin. After the opening, still lower prices were reached, the extreme being $1.57½ for May. Then the pressure became relatively exhausted and houses that of late have been free sellers took to the buying side. Rallies, however, were not well maintained.

Within an hour losses had been widened to 10⅝ a bushel. May wheat tumbled to $1.56 on the closing out of accounts in which margins had been swallowed up completely. As compared with prices a month ago the market at this stage was down more than 45 cents a bushel in the delivery.

STEELS AND COPPERS CONTINUE TO DROP

New York, Dec. 15.—The stock market experienced another feverish session of violent liquidation to-day, credited to continued apprehension over the effect of possible peace on the earnings of munitions, steel and kindred concerns which have profited by the war.

Losses in the stocks of these companies ranged from 3 to 12 points under yesterday's lowest quotation, with 42½ for Bethlehem Steel. It was the third severe downward movement since the announcement of the German peace proposals on Tuesday. U. S. Steel was again the outstanding feature, almost 400,000 shares changing hands before noon at an extreme loss of 4½ points. Greater weakness was shown by Industrial Alcohol, Marines, Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies, Central Leather, Lackawanna Steel, Utah Copper and International Paper. Sales to noon totalled 1,300,000 shares.

Rallies of 1 to 3 points were made in the early afternoon, but the market continued extremely sensitive.

Liquidation of special stocks was resumed at the opening with further losses of two to four points in shipping shares, Continental Can., New York Airbrake, Utah Copper, Lackawanna Steel and International Paper. Rails were again the chief sustaining features, with marked strength in Reading and Southern railway.

Further sweeping losses were made in the second hour, Bethlehem Steel, which sold ex-dividend of 7½ per cent, declining 32½ points to 540. U. S. Steeel Crucible Steel, Republic Iron, Central Leather, International Paper, Marine preferred, and Utah and Kennecott Coppers were 3 to 7 points under yesterday's final figures, with 11½ for Industrial Alcohol.

Further pressure against prominent stocks created fresh unsettlement in the second hour, steel falling from 114 to 110⅝, more than 2 points under yesterday's lowest. Other prominent issues also fell under minimums of that session.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The following casualty list was issued to-day:

Infantry.

Wounded and missing—Pte. J. F. Grant.

Wounded—Pte. R. Hawker.

Killed in action—Pte. T. Smith.

Wounded—Pte. A. McLeod, Pte. S. Gordon, Pte. J. G. Gentles.

Engineers.

Seriously ill—Sapper J. P. Collyer.

Infantry.

Seriously ill—Cpl. G. Gray.

Engineers.

Died of wounds—Sapper F. Witte.

Wounded—Sapper W. T. Sismey.

Mrs. Jenkins had a passion for the old and curious. One day when rummaging about in a bric-a-brac shop she noticed a quaint figure, the head and shoulders of which appeared above the counter. "What is that Japanese idol over there worth?" she asked. The salesman replied in a subdued tone: "About half a million. That is the proprietor."

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SEEKS TO SOLVE FOOD PROBLEM

Baron Devonport Says Steps Will Be Taken to Ensure Fair Distribution

London, Dec. 15.—Baron Devonport, speaking for the first time as food controller in the House of Lords yesterday, said the solution of the food question resolved itself into one of a system of rationing. It was not enough to maintain the food supplies, but it was overwhelmingly essential that they be distributed fairly.

The food controller said his first duty would be to ascertain the quantity of food stocks available and the stocks visible. There were many unpatriotic people, he said, trying to get hold of supplies in excess of their wants.

"My remedy," said Baron Devonport, "will be to adjust supplies coming into the country so that everybody will have an equal chance of getting a fair supply, no more and no less. On account of many people buying up supplies, sugar cannot be got at all. A remedy must be found for that. Possibly the only way will be by a system of rationing."

It was obvious, Baron Devonport added, "that a general diminution in the consumption of staple foods was necessary. At present this diminution could only be brought about by voluntary abstinence, but if voluntary abstinence was not successful, it would be necessary to make abstinence compulsory.

EXPECTS ANSWER FROM ENTENTE POWERS

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says it finds it difficult to believe that the peace proposal of the central powers will be answered negatively, and proceeds to point out the manner in which both sides can begin negotiations.

"It is impossible," says the newspaper, "that the views of both belligerent parties should be similar as regards what constitutes a suitable basis for a lasting peace, but there were times before the war when we appeared to be within an approximate distance of discovering such a basis. Of course, the war has altered much the views held concerning all these things, but the differences cannot be insuperable and Germany and her allies do not consider them insuperable.

"If the entente governments are really pursuing the aim which they have often announced to the world, they must seize the opportunity to reconcile their aim with that of the central powers. Neither of the combatants has collapsed and an adjustment between them can only take place by agreement. We do not demand or command as victors, but make appeal and expect an answer and counter-proposals. The precise object of our proposal is to bring the belligerents to a common council table, where the misunderstandings can be cleared up."

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Granby	92.00	..
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	.06½	..
Lucky Jim Zinc	.12½	.14
McGillivray Coal	.14	..
P. C. Tunnels	..	.05
Portland Canal	..	.01½
Rambler Cariboo	.16	.23
Standard Lead	1.25	1.50
Snowstorm	.64	.70
Stewart M. & D.	..	.75
Slocan Star	.25	..
Stewart Land	..	7.00
Unlisted.		
Glacier Creek	..	.04
Island Investment	..	20.00
Union Club (Deb.), new	..	40.00
Do., old	..	90.00
Howe Sound M. Co.	7.00	7.12½
Colonial Pulp	.25	..
Pingree Mines	..	.19

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WHEAT LOWER IN THE CHICAGO PIT

(By Wise & Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The wheat market had another sharp break again to-day. May wheat selling nearly thirteen points lower than yesterday's close. The wheat market, like the stock market, seems to be heavily affected by the peace overtures. May wheat opened with a spread of 162 to 158, and sold down to 153½, closing at 155½ to 154. Corn and oats firmer, May corn closing around the opening price.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	147	150	142¾	142½
May	163 @158	162	153¾	155½
July	139 @136	139	131½	132½
Corn—				
Dec.	88 @ 87	89	87	87¾
May	89½@ 88	89¾	88	89
Oats—				
Dec.	47	48¾	46½	46¾
May	52 @ 50¾	52	50	50¾

Minneapolis Grain.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	165	165¾	160	160
May	173 @170	173	161½	163
July	164½	165	157	158

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(By Wise & Co.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	18.35	18.43	18.27	18.27
March	18.50	18.69	18.48	18.55
May	18.72	18.89	18.70	18.75
July	18.74	18.90	18.74	18.78
Oct.	16.84	16.93	16.800	16.82

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

Montreal, Dec. 15.—An avalanche of selling orders appeared in the local market shortly after the opening to-day, and before the close of the forenoon session the market became quite panicky in some issues. Steel of Canada, Dominion Bridge and Riordon were the heavy losers, declines extending to fifteen points. During the late session, however, support was forthcoming and substantial recoveries ensued, with Steel of Canada leading. The close in the latter was over ten points above the forenoon's low point. Bridge and Riordon, as well as some of the less active issues also recovered a large part of their losses. Liquidation has been very heavy in the steel shares, which improves the technical condition of the market.

	High	Low	Close
Ames Holden	21	20½	21
Do., pref.	..	..	60 A
Bell Telephone	..	..	146 A
Brazilian Traction	43½	43	43
B. C. Fish	..	..	60 A
C. P. R.	..	..	165½B
Can. Cement, com.	66½	64	66½
Do., pref.	..	..	95 A
Can. Car Fdy., com.	37	36	36
Do., pref.	80	80	80
Can. S. S., com.	38½	38	38½
Do., pref.	90½	90	90
Can. Locomotive	..	..	56 B
Can. Cottons	..	..	57 A
Can. Gen. Elec., x d.	113	112	113
Civic Inv. & Ind.	80	79½	80
Cons. M. & S.	35	33½	35
Detroit United	120	118	119
Dom. Bridge	171	160	170
Dom. I. & S.	73	66½	72¾
Dom. Textile, x d.	84½	84½	84½
Lake of Woods Milling	..	..	132 A
Laurentide Co.	199	198½	198½
Laurentide Power	..	..	60 A
Lyall Constn. Co.	..	..	77 B
Maple Leaf Mlg.	106	104	106
Montreal Tram.	43½	39½	43½
Montreal Cotton	..	..	55½B
N. S. Steel, com.	130	125	127½
Do., pref.	112	112	112
Ogilvie Milling Co.	..	..	147 A
Ottawa Power	..	..	95 A
Penmans, Ltd.	..	..	70 B
Quebec Railway	42½	41	42
Riordon Paper Co.	129	114	128
Shawinigan	130½	129	130
Spanish River Pulp	18	16½	17
Do., pref.	62	62	62
Steel of Can., x d.	76½	64½	74¾
Do., pref.	..	..	105 A
Toronto Railway	..	..	76½A
Twin City Elec.	..	..	96 B
Winnipeg Elec.	..	..	92 A
Wayagamac Pulp	95	93	95
Dom. War Loan (old)	98¾	98½	98½
Dom. War Loan (new)	98½	98½	98½

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TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The market closed with Dec. 15¼ cents lower and May 13¾ lower, the fluctuations for the two months for the day being 12¾ and 11c. respectively. Oats were down 3½c. for December and 3½c. for May. Barley closed 5c. lower for December and 1c. for May. Flax closed 7½c. lower for December and 7½c. lower for May.

When the closing figures were finally recorded, it was found that at the low point of the day December sold at 39¾ under the high point of the season, which was 1.97, and May 34¾ under the high point, which was 1.97¾. Perhaps if there could be said to be any feature to such a market, it was the heavy declines practically were on narrow selling. This was particularly true at the start of the market.

	Open	Close
Wheat—		
Dec.	170-166	157¼
May	174-172	163¾
Oats—		
Dec.	51	50¾
May	56¼	54¾
Barley—		
Dec.	..	85
May	..	95
Flax—		
Dec.	252½	250
May	265	261

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 158¾; 2 Nor., 155¾; 3 Nor., 149¾; No. 4, 134¾; No. 5, 106¾; No. 6, 79¾; feed, 73.

Oats—2 C. W., 50¾; 3 C. W., 47¾; extra 1 feed, 47¾; 1 feed, 45¾; 2 feed, 44¾.

Barley—No. 3, 90; No. 4, 80; rejected, 65; feed, 65.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 250; 2 C. W., 247.

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METAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—Lead, $7.50@$7.75; spelter weak; spot, East St. Louis delivery, offered at 10¾. At London: Lead, £30 10s.; spelter, £56 10s. Copper firm; electrolytic, first quarter nominal; second and third quarters, $32.50@$34. Iron steady and unchanged. Tin quiet; spot, $42.75@$43.25. At London: Spot copper, £142 10s.; futures, £136 10s.; electrolytic, £164; spot tin, £184 15s.; futures, £186 5s.

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REACTION MARKS CLOSE OF MARKET

Weak Opening at New York but Final Quotations Show Advances

(By Wise & Co.)

New York, Dec. 15.—The stock market was decidedly a two-sided affair to-day. At the opening prices were weak and the bears were disposed to force prices to a lower level. Rails, however, were strong and seem to be held by big interest as there was very little liquidation in them. Towards the close a reaction set in with prices appreciably higher. U. S. Steel closed a point above the opening, Anaconda showed no change from 36, and Industrial Alcohol, after a ten-point break, had a reaction of the same amount. It now looks as if prices will be higher, unless, of course, peace rumors become stronger.

	High	Low	Close
Allis-Chalmers	29½	28	28½
Do., pref.	88	85	85½
Amn. Agr. Chemical	91	89½	88
Amn. Beet Sugar	98½	95	98
Amn. Can	51½	49	51
Amn. Car & Foundry	69½	65½	68
Amn. Cotton Oil	50½	50	50
Amn. Locomotive	82½	78	79½
Amn. Smelting	109½	106½	109½
Amn. Steel Foundry	64½	62	63½
Amn. Sugar	110½	109	110½
Amn. Woollen	46½	45	46½
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	125½	125½	125½
Amn. Zinc	50	45½	47½
Anaconda	87½	83½	86½
Atchison	104½	102½	103½
Atlantic Gulf	129	127	125
B. & O.	84½	83½	84½
Baldwin Loco.	69½	63	67½
Bethlehem Steel, x d 7½ p.c.	550	525	550
Butte Sup.	58½	54½	54½
C. P. R.	167	165½	166
Cal. Petroleum	23½	22	22
Central Leather	97½	90½	93½
C. & O.	66½	64½	65½
C. & G.-W.	14	12½	14
Do., pref.	41	40	39½
C., M. & St. P.	92	91½	92
Colo. Fuel & Iron	47½	44½	46½
Con. Gas	132½	132	132
Crucible Steel	69½	63½	67½
Distillers Sec.	35½	30	32
Erie	36½	35½	35½
Do., 1st pref.	50½	49½	49½
Goodrich	67½	65½	66½
G. N., pref.	117½	116	116½
Granby	95½	89	94
G. N. Ore ctfs.	40½	38½	38½
Illinois Cent.	106½	104½	104½
Ind. Alcohol	116	104	113
Inspiration	59½	55	58½
Inter. Nickel	44	40½	43
Kas. City Southern	26½	24½	25½
Lackawanna, ex div. $4.50	92½	84	88
Lehigh Valley	80½	78½	78½
Maxwell Motor	65½	62½	64½
Mex. Petroleum	100	96	98
Mer. Mercantile	36½	39½	34½
Do., pref.	106	97½	100½
Miami	29½	26½	28½
Nat. Lead	62	60½	61½
N. Y. Air Brake	153	149	152
Nevada Cons., ex div. $1.50	25½	23½	25½
N. Y. C.	106½	104	105
N. Y., O. & W.	31	29½	30
N. & W.	136½	134½	135
N. P.	110½	109	109½
Pacific Mail	22½	20½	22
Pennsylvania	56½	56	55½
People's Gas	105½	104½	105½
Pressed Steel Car	77	74	75½
Railway Steel Spg.	52½	50½	51
Ray. Cons., ex div. $1.00	28	26½	27½
Reading	108½	106½	107½
Rep. Iron & Steel	79½	75	78½
Sloss Sheffield	64½	60	64½
S. P.	97½	96½	97½
Sou. Railway	34½	31½	31
Do., pref.	70	69	69½
Studebaker Corpn.	115½	110½	124
Texas Pacific	19½	18½	18½
U. P.	145½	143½	144½
United Fruit	155	151	154
U. S. Rubber	64½	63	64½
U. S. Steel	114	109½	112
Do., pref.	121	119	118½
U. S. Smelting	67½	65½	67½
Utah Copper, ex div. $3.50	109	104½	107
Va. Car Chemical	45½	43½	45
Western Union	101½	100½	100½
Westinghouse	56½	51½	54½
White Motors	49½	45	49½
Wisconsin Central	50½	48	48

Total sales, 2,435,200 shares; bonds, $3,236,000.

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MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Bank clearings for the week ending Dec. 14 totalled $82,591,536, compared with $70,668,095 a year ago.

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NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Dec. 15.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, $5.25; molasses, $4.40; refined dull; fine granulated, $7.15a.

ENTERS CONTEST FOR MAYORALTY

Alderman Todd Outlines His Platform in Coming Municipal Election

POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES ATTENTION

Four Vacancies Are to Be Filled in Aldermanic Board Next Month

A mayoralty contest in Victoria is assured, by the announcement to-day of the intention of Alderman A. E. Todd to offer himself for election. Alderman Porter is already in the field for that office.

Alderman Todd has served for the past three years on the aldermanic board, and is also widely known throughout the city for activities in other public affairs outside the municipal field. To the wider world beyond the island he is chiefly known as an advocate of good roads, and the opening up of communication by a seaboard route of the Pacific section of this continent.

In the course of a conversation, Alderman Todd, who intends to go later into his policies on the platform, indicated some of the lines upon which he hopes to see the development of the city proceed. Some of them are summarized as follows:

Favors Bridge Construction.

"As chairman of the harbor committee this year, I have stood for the prosecution of construction of the Johnson street bridge, and owing to the refusal of the E. & N. railway to enter into an agreement fair to the city, the elimination of the railway from the bridge negotiations. I do not mind whether the government or city constructs the bridge, so long as the city's approval to the plans is received, and the engineer has an opportunity to inspect the work as it proceeds. I am in favor of arrangements to be made for the control of maintenance by the city subsequently.

"In this connection I support co-operation with the government in developing the reserve, and the endeavor to attract new industries and develop existing ones.

"I favor some equable scheme of adjustment and relief from excessive taxation, both general and local improvement, subject to the approval of the ratepayers by referendum.

"I support strict economy in civic expenditure, though owing to the great increase in the cost of living, some increase in pay must be given to some of the civic employees. Consistent with economy I consider further retrenchment and reduction of expenditure is possible.

"A clean city, morally and physically, with proper maintenance of schools, parks, streets, and matters pertaining to sanitation will have my best endeavor."

Advocates Co-operation.

"I hope to see the inter-municipal committee idea developed, and co-operation with the entire island, in advancing agricultural, manufacturing, and other mutual interests of the island. In further explanation of this attitude I think the city council could help the outside communities a great deal, and by creating a better relationship and friendlier feeling, the city firms and stores would benefit in increased trade.

"As before, I am a strictly independent candidate, and in no way the candidate of any clique, faction, or interest.

"I am a firm believer in the future of Victoria, and that the exercise of courage and common sense now will pull through the present extremely difficult situation in a period shorter than now seems possible. I do not wish to see so much pessimism prevalent, but realize something must be done to retain our citizens till conditions are easier."

Mr. Todd referred to his work in the council this year, in connection with the Johnson street, and Rock Bay bridges schemes, and the effort made to secure a declaration of public rights on the E. & N. bridge. Anxious to see revenue coming in to meet the heavy fixed charges on Sooke waterworks, he has taken an active share in the extension of the main to William Head, as he did with the arrangement with Saanich. He points to the considerable saving he has effected in the automobile service of the city, as proof of desire to retrench.

Election of Commissioners.

In regard to the direct election of police commissioners, in which he secured the passage of a resolution of approval, he thinks it is the only way for the citizens to secure better conditions in that department. He alluded to the blind pig incident at the by-election in March, and claims that it showed laxity in allowing the guilty to avoid prosecution. He hopes to see a reform of the department.

He comes out strongly for every effort to bring "the paving gratters" to their deserts, referring in this connection to the Worswick episode. Next he made mention of his work on the electric light committee (of which he is chairman), and the fire wardens committee, declaring he will not cease to urge better fire insurance rates than at present. He points out that since he joined the committee one reduction has been secured.

Finally he deprecates the city making a profit out of the misfortunes of taxpayers by refusing to sell back land obtained at tax sale, as in the Wyllie case, considering that the payment of interest charges with the taxes is a sufficient punishment for delinquency.

There are now four vacancies in the council to be filled next month, two by aldermen contesting the mayoralty, one existing vacancy, and the retirement of Alderman Bell, who is going to devote himself exclusively to his parliamentary duties.

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The Roll of Honor

on which are the names of 179 old boys and masters who are serving their country in this war.

The present boys are looking forward to the presence of the old boys who have returned from the war, among whom will be noticed: Capt. M. R. Bell-Irving, D. S. O., Mc C. of R. F. C. and Capt. P. R. Wallis, of 16th Batt. The former has had a most distinguished career, winning the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross for his gallant deeds. During the last exploit he was seriously wounded; he is now recovering and hopes to return in the near future.

Capt. Wallis is convalescing after being disabled on the Somme front. Capt. Wallis has been at the front for 1½ years and has been in several engagements where the Canadians greatly distinguished themselves.

During the evening the warden, the Rev. W. W. Bolton, will give a short address.

Special Cars Will Be Run From the Willows.

M'TAGGART FORCES HIMSELF INTO FIELD

Personal Antagonism to Attorney General Cause of Opposition Being Offered

It has become quite apparent that the leader of the so-called "purity squad" in Vancouver, D. E. McTaggart, is animated by some other motive than the interests of clean elections and the best fortunes of the Liberal party in his desire to see opposition to the re-election of Hon. M. A. Macdonald, K. C., attorney general, in Vancouver.

Those who look on from the outside at the row which has been made by himself and his few supporters, egged on to some extent, it would seem, by that stormy petrel of B. C. politics, Joseph Martin, K. C., and the Bowser press, must be driven to the conclusion that the rumor of personal motives on the part of Mr. McTaggart is well founded.

It is said in Vancouver, especially in legal circles, that for some years Mr. McTaggart has had a rankling dislike to the present attorney general, for what reason no one seems to know, and least of all the object of his resentment. This has been shown in little ways, it is stated, and now there seems to be a large and a public opportunity to show it.

Always it has been the intention of the new government to appoint a royal commission to hold a searching and a thorough inquiry into every phase of the Vancouver by-election. A week ago Mr. McTaggart and G. B. Housser, another lawyer and member of the "purity squad," came over here to see the premier. At that time they were assured that a commission was to be appointed, and they both agreed that they would not further oppose the return of Mr. Macdonald.

Now it would appear that Mr. McTaggart does not accept the word of the premier of British Columbia, a word which no one but he has the hardihood to question, and that after backing and filling for several days HE IS TO-DAY DECIDED to stand in opposition to the attorney general. Of course, he has until one o'clock to-morrow to change his mind again.

While for convenience sake people speak of this action as opposition to Mr. Macdonald it must not be forgotten that it is opposition to the two ministers of the Brewster cabinet who are running in Vancouver, Hon. Ralph Smith as well as the attorney general. At the same time, the fact that there are two ministers standing for re-election and that only one candidate comes out in opposition emphasizes the alleged personal nature of Mr. McTaggart's antagonism to the attorney general.

Joseph Martin's hand is plain throughout, and there is some wire-pulling by partizans of the late attorney general visible as well. Mr. Martin, it is announced, has been retained as legal adviser to Mr. McTaggart for the by-election, and a series of meetings has been arranged for.

An allegation is made that the estreating of the bail put up for Scott's appearance in police court is being rushed, contrary to an understanding which was had with the government some days ago. Having questioned the word of the premier one need not be astonished at Mr. McTaggart imputing bad faith to Mr. Brewster, as he has done in this matter. Inquiry brings out the information that the arrangement made with Mr. McTaggart and Mr. Housser in this matter is being scrupulously lived up to.

PANDORA AVE. DISPUTE

Argument Commenced Before Mr. Justice Clement by Harold Robertson.

The argument on the injunction, which was granted a few days ago to prevent the court of revision confirming the assessment on the Pandora Avenue widening and improvement from Fernwood road to Oak Bay junction, was commenced yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Clement in the supreme court.

Harold Robertson, who is acting on behalf of those who object to the assessment, stated that the city had no right to commence the local improvement because the notice in connection with it was not inserted in the newspapers in the statutory way, and that the notice was misleading, and for that reason the court of revision had no jurisdiction.

Mr. Robertson further claimed that the assessment was inequitable in that while the estimate made by the engineer showed the cost likely to be $99,000, the actual cost of the work was $225,000.

The court adjourned before the argument was finished and Mr. Robertson will continue on Monday morning at the regular chambers sitting at 10.30.

SOLDIERS STILL VOTING

A dispatch received in the city last evening from one of the scrutineers engaged in watching the taking of the deferred votes on the prohibition and suffrage referenda stated that the officials taking the votes and the scrutineers for the prohibition and liquor interests have reached Rouen and Havre, the taking of the vote in the trenches and along the front having been practically completed.

It is said that not so many soldiers are taking advantage of the opportunity to vote as was expected. The sender of the dispatch says he asked one British Columbia soldier whether he had voted. The soldier was busy carting up corrugated iron sheeting to a working party and said:

"What! Me walk back six miles to vote for prohibition or woman's suffrage after a day of this sort of thing!"

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MOBILIZE AT WILLOWS

Thirty-Three Men From Forts Join Overseas Draft.

The artillery draft which is being raised by the 5th Regiment for overseas service is now located at the Willows. It is only 33 strong at present, but it is expected that the full number required will soon be secured as the artillery is always popular. Thirty more men are needed and the whole will go to reinforce No. 4 section of the divisional ammunition column. The following are the names of those who are being transferred from the forts to the Willows camp with Lieut. G. M. Irwin in command:

Sergt. J. Roberts, Cpl. E. L. Yeo, Gnrs. F. L. Arthurs, A. D. Ballantyne, S. R. D. Bayne, G. Bell, O. H. Borradaile, W. R. Brackett, F. R. Butler, H. N. Crowther, S. Davies, R. Easton, R. P. Forrest, E. Freeman, J. T. Hamilton, G. O'H. Johnston, M. E. Knittle, W. R. Mackintosh, G. Parfitt, R. B. Prendergast, R. E. Ritchie, G. R. Rynes, J. W. Shakespeare, F. C. Smith, L. S. Weston, S. Whittle, F. L. Yates, S. R. P. Yates, A. Buss, V. R. Parfitt, G. W. Paterson and H. Waters.

ONE SOLDIER ARRIVES

Eighteen Others Who Missed Boat From Vancouver To-day Arriving To-morrow Morning.

Only one returned soldier, Sgt. Gutteridge, was on the boat which arrived here this afternoon from Vancouver. He was given a very hearty welcome, several people who had come down to meet friends in the large party expected being at the wharf to resume their acquaintances. This big detachment, consisting of 18 men who were part of a very large party of returned soldiers which started westward from Montreal last week, and who were due here this afternoon to report at the Military Convalescent hospital, Esquimalt, were four hours late in arriving at Vancouver this morning and missed the boat. They will embark at midnight and will reach Victoria early to-morrow morning.

The men are: Pte. T. A. Barnard, Sgt. A. Blinman, Pte. P. Dempster, Pte. G. Edwards, Pte. C. B. Flewin, Pte. R. Freeman, Pte. W. Harvey, Pte. E. Marsden, all of the 30th Battalion; Pte. J. Bullock, C. P. T. D.; Pte. C. H. Burdett, 17th Battalion; Pte. R. C. Hobbs, C. P. T. D.; Pte. J. Hudson, C. P. T. D.; Pte. T. F. McWilliams, C. M. C. B.; Pte. W. Picton, C. E. T. D.; Pte. E. Piola, 32nd Battalion; Pte. W. Tobin, 51st Battalion; Pte. W. Vennell, 9th Battalion, and Pte. F. N. Wright, C. P. T. D.

MILITARY MEDAL

Lance-Cpl. Hill Gets Decoration for Distinguished Conduct on the Field.

The military medal for distinguished conduct in the field has been awarded to Lance-Cpl. E. Hill who left here with the 48th Battalion in June of last year. The lad is only 19 years of age, but he has had a great experience and his friends are proud of him. When heard from last he was in a rest camp. He is the son of Mrs. R. Hill, of Mount Tolmie road.

There are as yet no particulars to hand as to how he won the decoration.

USE MOVING PICTURES TO HELP RECRUITING

The 8th Field Co. Canadian Engineers, whose headquarters are at North Vancouver, has recently produced a moving picture film showing the work and training of this corps.

The film depicts how a man is trained at the drill hall, North Vancouver, before he is sent overseas, and is quite a new feature in efforts of military units to obtain recruits. It is interesting to both young and old and to those who are considering enlistment in some branch of the service.

It is to be shown at the Royal Victoria theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, and a party of the Canadian Engineers are this week disposing of tickets in Victoria and district. The proceeds are to go to the recruiting fund of the corps.

Military Items

An extra 25c. has been authorized for the 25th December for all ranks of permanent force, active militia and C. E. F. units in receipt of rations or allowance in lieu. The extra amount will be credited in the pay list to be expended by the officers commanding units as thought best.

Private Neil Murray is transferred from the Yukon Infantry Company, C. E. F., to the 230th Forestry Battalion, C. E. F., with effect from the 14th December, 1916.

Extract from advance copy of general order No. 99 of 26th October, 1916: "The undermentioned is granted temporary rank in the Canadian militia, as stated, whilst serving with the Canadian expeditionary force. To be honorary lieutenant: William Alfred Bawden, gentleman, 10-9-16."

Pte. W. Gillies who left here with the 67th Western Scots has returned bringing with him a number of souvenirs of his great experience. He has the canes used by the late Lieut. Peter McIntosh, the first officer to fall in action, and Cpl. Walker. These will be given to the nearest of kin of those to whom they belonged. He also has the ball used in the last baseball game played at Bramshott between the Western Scots and the 46th.

Col. Duff Stuart has been in Vancouver for the last two days, and is expected to return to-morrow morning.

District "Comfort-Bag Showers."—A suggestion which has every reason to succeed if put into practice has to do with the fitting out of comfort-bags. This is that some lady in each street in the city, perhaps properly authorized by the Red Cross, undertake to organize a "comfort-bag shower" from her own special street. A few of the ladies of Superior street, for instance, donated sufficient articles for six comfort-bags on Wednesday, Mrs. Dennis Harris being responsible for the movement there. The idea might be taken up, it is thought, and collections be made almost throughout the city along the same lines, socks, writing-tablets and envelopes, pencils, shaving-brush and soap, tooth-brush and tooth-paste, combs, hair-brushes, etc., being the articles required for the fitting up of the bags.

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Drawing for Motor-Car.—To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock the motor-car which has been on view in the Superfluities shop window, Belmont block, and which was given by Mrs. Umbach to be raffled for the Red Cross, will be drawn for. The sale of tickets has been very satisfactory, and the much-coveted prize will be handed over to the holder of the winning ticket after the drawing takes place.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN ARRIVES TO-MORROW

Arrangements Completed for His Reception by Citizens of Victoria

Hon. H. C. Brewster, premier of British Columbia, this afternoon completed the arrangements for the visit to Victoria to-morrow of Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada. As Sir Robert will be here for a very few hours and is on a non-political mission connected with the prosecution of the war, it is impossible to show him the courtesies that the government and the people of this province would desire to extend the head of the federal government, irrespective of party views.

At the C.P.R. dock, to meet the 3 o'clock steamer from Vancouver, it has been arranged by Colonel J. Duff Stuart, D.O.C., that there shall be a military escort drawn up, and he has asked Lieut.-Col. Bruce Powley, commanding officer of the 143rd Battalion, B. C. Bantams, to furnish the escort from that corps. The escort will be accompanied by the band of the battalion.

At the boat to meet the distinguished visitor will be Hon. Mr. Brewster, Col. Duff Stuart, Mayor Stuart, representing the city; other members of the provincial executive, G. H. Barnard, M.P., Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, and other gentlemen.

From the steamer Sir Robert will go to the Empress hotel, where there will likely be an informal reception for half an hour or so. After this the premier of the Dominion will drive to Government House to pay his respects to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. F. S. Barnard.

Before dinner Premier Brewster will have a conference with Sir Robert on a number of matters on which federal and provincial co-operation are required, such as the problems of the returned soldiers, encouragement of shipbuilding, immigration, development of the iron and steel industry and other important items of business.

In the evening Sir Robert and R. B. Bennett, M.P., chairman of the national service commission, will speak in the Royal Victoria theatre on the utilization of the man-power of Canada fully in the prosecution of the war. Mayor Stewart is to preside and Premier Brewster will be one of the speakers.

Hon. M. A. Macdonald, K.C., attorney general, went over to Vancouver this afternoon to speak at Sir Robert's meeting in that city to-night, at which there will be also Hon. Ralph Smith, minister of finance, who left for the mainland last night.

The parliament buildings will be illuminated to-morrow from dusk in honor of the visitor, this being the only form in which any mark of honor can be shown him other than by attendance at his meeting.

OAK BAY'S REEVE AGAIN CANDIDATE

Reeve M. P. Gordon, of Oak Bay, has decided to again be a candidate for municipal honors in Oak Bay. This is his first year of office and it is customary for a man to be given at least two years in the one position. For that reason it is hardly expected that he will be opposed. He succeeded Capt. W. E. Oliver, of the 88th Fusiliers, whose military duties make it impossible for him to attend to those of the municipality.

Capt. Oliver has resigned as councilor but the resignation has not been accepted. His place will be vacant at the beginning of the year, however, and it will be difficult to fill. He has given many years of faithful service to the municipality, both as reeve and as councilor, having been connected with the municipal government ever since Oak Bay became a separate civic entity.

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AGRICULTURAL TEACHING

John W. Gibson, director of agricultural education, has returned from a tour of the Okanagan, during which he spoke at the conferences of farmers' institutes in Kelowna, Vernon, Armstrong and other points.

At each place Mr. Gibson spoke on the importance of agricultural education in the public schools, and the familiarizing of the children with the simpler agricultural processes, dwelling on the great success which the department has had so far, since it instituted this branch of its work.

Mr. Gibson says he got a most encouraging reception at every meeting and the co-operation of the farmers in this work is becoming a factor in its advancement. They are getting more and more convinced of the value of rural-science instruction in the public and high schools, and this is a great step towards attaining the ends sought for.

Municipal By-law is Gazetted.—In accordance with the requirements of the Municipal act the district municipality of North Vancouver this week publishes in the B. C. Gazette a by-law finally adopted, signed and sealed on November 30, dealing with the expropriation of land for an extension of the Deep Cove road.

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WAR'S EFFECT ON SOUTHERN DOMINIONS

Passengers on Niagara Speak of Conditions in Australia and New Zealand

After experience in the Gallipoli peninsula with the Anzacs, Major J. B. McClyment passed through last evening on the Niagara, routed to England on a special mission.

The major is a modest man, but it was gathered from his cryptic remarks that he has been engaged in important missions of a military nature during the past two years.

However, he would say this of the New Zealand situation that the balloting system was not resorted to till recently to keep up the reinforcements. Owing to the heavy percentage of enlistments in comparison to population in New Zealand, it became harder and harder to sustain the quota, though it was done voluntarily till recently. The balloting system appears to be working fairly well.

In Australia, according to F. N. Prince, a young business man routed through to San Francisco, the recent referendum on conscription, while it has split the political parties, has left a less wide cleavage throughout the country. "Considering the magnitude of the issue," he said, "the country kept cool during the campaign. He alluded to the very high percentage in comparison with population which Australian has recruited, and said the people were doing their best to maintain the quota of reinforcements. In the Antipodes they were not so anxious as some officious people to compare the percentage there to that in Canada, recognizing the conditions of this country, as against a homogeneous population like that of the Australian continent."

The expectation is, he said, that the Hughes government, which as reconstructed has only 13 members of the lower House, and 11 in the upper, will be kept in office by the Liberal opposition, with 32 members in the House of Representatives, and 5 in the Senate. The succession party, of labor men opposed to the Hughes government on conscription, and which includes former ministers like Messrs. Higgs, Mahon, Tudor and O'Malley, numbers 24, with 19 senators supporting them.

Mr. Prince said the country when they left was in the throes of the coal strike, which for the time being has ousted the conscription issue to second place. It was having a serious effect on the operation of the industries of the country.

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OFFICERS NAMED BY WARD THREE LIBERALS

Excellent Work Done in Recent Campaigns Referred to by Speakers

There was a large attendance of the members of the Ward Three Liberal Association in the Liberal rooms, Arcade building, last evening on the occasion of the annual meeting of the association.

The rooms were crowded with an enthusiastic gathering of the members, and the greatest interest was taken in the proceedings. There was a good deal of friendly rivalry for the offices, as was inevitable where there are so many excellent workers.

In the chair at the outset of the meeting was the retiring president, Joshua Kingham, who in his presidential address spoke of the political doings of the year and the part played in them by Ward Three. He took the opportunity of thanking the members for their hard and devoted volunteer labors in the cause of Liberalism, labors which they now had the pleasure of seeing crowned by the placing of a businesslike government across the Bay.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary president—Joshua Kingham.

President—Ald. W. F. Fullerton.

First vice-president—Arthur Brakes.

Second vice-president—Peter Edmonds.

Secretary—G. Stanley Creed (re-elected).

Treasurer—Henry Norman.

Executive committee—S. J. Herd, R. McInnis, Francis H. Harrison, Edwin J. Bawden, Thomas Walker, Alex. Fraser, Ernest L. Harrison, William W. Moore, T. McN. Jones and Fred Mellor.

Committees were also named to act with those selected in other wards in matters affecting the general welfare of the Liberal cause in the city.

John Hart, M.P.P., Henry C. Hall, M.P.P., and others spoke during the evening, and the splendid work done by the members of the association in the by-election and the late campaign was referred to.

Considerable discussion took place on the work of the coming winter, and the same energy which this ward has shown at all times will be manifested in the coming months.

A resolution was unanimously adopted, congratulating Premier Brewster on taking office and on his choice of a cabinet, and pledging to the new government the hearty support of the Liberals of Ward Three in everything that is for the advantage of the province at large.

The association will meet again next week and will arrange for frequent gatherings with a view to maintaining its present fine organization and affording its members the opportunity to study public questions as they arise.

COURTS OF REVISION

Annual Scrutiny of the Rolls in Provincial Assessment Districts.

Donald Downie, Vancouver, has been appointed as a court of revision and appeal for the Vancouver assessment district, in the place of A. M. Harper, who has resigned that position.

Walter A. Nisbet, Cranbrook, has been appointed a court of revision and appeal for the Fort Steele assessment district, in the place of H. S. Banwell, who is now an official in the provincial secretary's department.

Courts of revision and appeal under the Taxation Act and the Public Schools Act will be held in the Revelstoke assessment district, at Revelstoke on December 28, at Nakusp on January 2 and at Edgewood on January 4. At all of these Chas. M. Field will be judge.

In Slocan assessment district courts will be held by James Anderson, judge, at Silverton on December 28 at 10 a.m.; at New Denver, on the same date, at 1.30 p.m.; at Kaslo on December 29 and at Sandon on January 4.

Edgar C. Lunn will hold court in the Lillooet assessment district at Clinton on Tuesday next. He held court at Lillooet town on Wednesday.

C. R. Hamilton, judge of the court for the Nelson assessment district, will hold court at the court house in Nelson on Thursday next.

WILL ARRIVE IN CITY NEXT MONTH

C. G. Wade, K. C., ex-Premier of New South Wales, Comes to Recuperate

Charles Gregory Wade, K.C., ex-premier of New South Wales, and probably the best known figure in the public life of the mother state of the Commonwealth in recent years, will arrive here on January 11. He sails from Sydney, his home city, on the Makura, on December 21, on doctor's orders, having been directed to take four or five months' rest.

Mr. Wade leaves Australia, according to information to hand on the Niagara last evening, at a time when his services can ill be spared. The Holman government has just been reconstructed as a national government, that is to say, of representatives of the various parties, and of course Mr. Wade would have been included if his health would have permitted him to accept.

The necessity for this trip has been forced on him owing to his health having been, to a great extent, broken down by heavy and continuous mental strain for some years.

The Sydney Morning Herald, speaking of the disappearance, at any rate for the present, from the public life of New South Wales of Mr. Wade, observes editorially:

"It comes with a sense of shock that one that has been so prominently associated with the politics of New South Wales should be obliged to drop out in this way through ill-health; and those who have not agreed with him, as well as the great body of his supporters, must realize that his present physical condition is the result of unceasing strain as past head of a government, and till now leader of the opposition. Whatever his critics may say about Mr. Wade as party leader or statesman they have to admit his honesty of purpose and genuine integrity. He has always been a man of his word. With straightforwardness, Mr. Wade has been strong."

The ex-premier was for years before going into politics a prominent lawyer. He was educated in schools near Sydney, and at Oxford University, and is a barrister of the Inner Temple. Like the late R. B. Wise, K.C., who recently passed away when holding the office of agent-general for that state in London, in his younger days he was a fine athlete. Mr. Wade played in the Rugby XV. for Oxford University, and later for England in the same style of football.

There is no doubt that some informal welcome will be accorded him on his arrival here next month.

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Catarrh is such an insidious disease and has become so prevalent during the past few years that its treatment should be understood by all.

Science has fully proved that Catarrh is a constitutional disease and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Sprays, inhalers, salves and nose douches seldom if ever give lasting benefit and often drive the disease further down the air passages and into the lungs.

If you have Catarrh or Catarrhal deafness or head-noises, go to your druggist and get one ounce of Parmint (Double Strength). Take this home and add to it a pint of hot water and 4 ounces of granulated sugar; stir until dissolved, take one tablespoonful 4 times a day.

This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head-noises, clogged nostrils should open, breathing become easy and mucus stop dropping into the throat.

This treatment has a slight tonic action which makes it especially effective in cases where the blood has become thin and weak. It is easy to make, tastes pleasant and costs little. Every person who wishes to be free from this destructive disease should give this treatment a trial.

Saanich Council Concert. — The Saanich council, at the request of the Victoria Patriotic Society, has consented to give a concert in aid of the Victoria Patriotic Aid fund on January 5 in the Royal Oak hall. The concert programme will be made up of numbers by some of the talented members of the Royal Oak Red Cross, and one of the features of the evening will be the unveiling by Miss Kathleen Oldfield of the Saanich roll of honor.

COMPANY AUTHORIZES BONUS TO EMPLOYEES

Local Manager F. H. Blashfield has received advice that the directors of the Great Northwestern and the Western Union Telegraph companies have authorized a bonus payment to all employees receiving $2,000 or less per annum, and who have been continuously in the service since January 1, of this year.

The bonus payments are fixed at 7 per cent. of the earnings of employees receiving $1,200 or less per annum, and 6 per cent. of the earnings of those receiving more than $1,200 up to $2,000 per annum, and is payable immediately. Messengers who have been one year in the service will receive a lump sum of $25 each.

This generous "Christmas remembrance" on the part of the directorates of the big telegraph corporation is along the line of its previously-adopted policy with respect to benefits for employees, prominent among which are the provisions made for retirement on pension of aged employees, sickness disability benefits and insurance, annual vacations with full pay, increased pay and shorter hours, and will result in the immediate distribution of approximately $2,000 in cash to regular employees.

As further evidence that the companies he represents in Victoria are not unmindful of the loyalty and good service rendered by the local staff, Manager Blashfield points out that although the receipts of his office have been seriously affected during the past two years, as compared with before-the-war period, no reductions in force or salaries have been made in the Victoria office, but, on the contrary, several increases have been granted, and others are receiving consideration commensurate with the advanced cost of living.

TRIAL ADJOURNED

Action to Recover Final Payment on Contract Set Over Indefinitely.

On the application of D. C. Tait the trial of the case of Keele and Silver vs. Mrs. J. E. Watters was set over. It had formerly been fixed for trial on Tuesday of next week.

It was explained in court that the case was one for the recovery of the balance of payment on a contract for the building of an apartment house on Michigan street, near Oswego street, which was finished last spring. The amount of the original contract still unpaid was $46.60, and this amount had been paid into court by the defendant. There was a further claim for $75 for extras, payment for which was refused, and there was a counterclaim for work which defendant claimed was unfinished by the contractors.

The plans were prepared by the contractors, but Alan Waters, provincial government architect, who was a friend of the defendant, was acting as architect for the building, and he had now gone to the Old Country and would not be back for at least five months. He was a material witness in the case and it was difficult for his client to go on without him.

C. H. O'Halloran objected to delay, as it was the fault of the defendant that the case had not come on long ago. The first action had been commenced as long ago as May last.

Judge Lampman stated that the defendant had shown her bona fides by paying money into court, but he did not think the case should stand over for five months. Mr. Watters' evidence might be taken in the Old Country.

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